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1 [There is no reportable action as a result of the
2 Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THIS
7 MORNING'S MEETING IF I COULD ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE TAKE A
8 SEAT. THIS MORNING OUR INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY MAJOR JULIO
9 VELASQUEZ-- I'M SORRY, VASQUEZ FROM THE TORRANCE CORPS
10 OFFICER, THE SALVATION ARMY. OUR PLEDGE THIS MORNING IS TO BE
11 LED BY WILLIE J. BELLAMY. HE IS A RETIRED CHAPLAIN OF
12 HOLLYWOOD POST NO. 43 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION. WOULD YOU ALL
13 PLEASE STAND?

14

15 **MAJ. JULIO VASQUEZ:** PLEASE JOIN ME IN A PRAYER. OUR HEAVENLY
16 FATHER, WE THANK YOU FOR THE PRIVILEGE TO CALL UPON YOUR NAME
17 AND WISDOM AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS WEEK'S HERE IN THE BOARD
18 OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS. DEAR GOD BLESS US WITH YOUR GUIDANCE.
19 IN THE MIDST OF TURMOIL AND ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTIES THAT AFFECT
20 MANY OF OUR FAMILIES, AFFIRM THE LEADERSHIP, LORD, SO THAT
21 THEY CAN WORK TOGETHER IN IMPROVING OUR LIVES AND GIVING US
22 EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT. MAY OUR PRAYERS DRAW US CLOSER TO
23 YOU. HELP US TO LISTEN AND STRIVE TO DO THE BEST FOR THE WELL-
24 BEING OF THESE FAMILIES OF OUR COMMUNITIES IN OUR GREAT



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1 COUNTRY. WE THANK YOU FOR THIS DAY. IN YOUR NAME WE PRAY,
2 AMEN.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** AMEN.

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6 **WILLIE J. BELLAMY:** WOULD YOU PLEASE FACE THE FLAG? AND PLACE
7 YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF
8 ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

9

10 **WILLIE J. BELLAMY:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
15 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. ONCE AGAIN, LET ME REINTRODUCE JULIO
16 VASQUEZ OF THE SALVATION ARMY. TOGETHER WITH HIS WIFE KAREN,
17 WHO IS ALSO A MAJOR IN THE SALVATION ARMY. THEY ARE STATIONED
18 IN TORRANCE WHERE THEY PROVIDE AID TO THOSE IN NEED THROUGHOUT
19 THE SOUTH BAY. MAJORS JULIO AND KAREN WERE BORN IN EL
20 SALVADOR, ARE FLUENT IN BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH. THEY HAVE
21 FOUR CHILDREN, SONIA, JONATHAN, RACHEL AND LILLIAN, WHO ARE
22 ALL MEMBERS OF THE BRASS BAND AND LOVE TO BE INVOLVED IN BAND
23 SONGSTERS AND WORSHIP TEAMS. AMONG THEIR MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS
24 IN THE SALVATION ARMY, THE VASQUEZES HAVE PARTICIPATED IN
25 MISSIONARY TEAMS TO CHILDREN'S HOMES IN PUERTO VALLARTA,



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1 MEXICO, AND EL ABA SALVADOR. FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS, THEY
2 HAVE COLLECTED DONATIONS AND SENT THEM TO EL ABA THROUGH THE
3 OFFICES OF THE SALVATION ARMY. MAJOR JULIO IS PURSUING HIS
4 BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, HAS
5 ATTENDED NEW MEXICO STATE AND PEPPERDINE. SO ON BEHALF OF MY
6 COLLEAGUES, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE OF
7 APPRECIATION TO JULIO AND TO MAJOR VASQUEZ AND THANK HIM FOR A
8 JOB WELL DONE. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. WE WERE HONORED TO
13 BE LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING BY WILLIE J.
14 BELLAMY, RESIDENT OF PANORAMA CITY WHO IS REPRESENTING THE
15 AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 IN HOLLYWOOD WHERE I HAD THE PRIVILEGE
16 OF JOINING THE POST FOR DINNER THE OTHER NIGHT. WILLIE IS A
17 VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY WHERE HE SERVED FROM 1972 TO
18 '73 IN A UNIT IN FORT LYNWOOD, MISSOURI. HE IS A RETIRED
19 CHAPLAIN WITH THE V.A. MEDICAL FACILITY IN SEPULVEDA IN THE
20 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. HE'S GOT TWO SONS. AND HE'S LIVED IN OUR
21 DISTRICT FOR 22 YEARS, ATTENDED FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY, CAL
22 STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE WHERE HE HAS-- AND HE HAS A
23 MASTER'S FROM CAL LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY. SERVED 19 YEARS AT THE
24 CALIFORNIA INTERNATIONAL GUARD AS A SERGEANT AND CURRENTLY
25 SERVES AS ASSOCIATE MINISTER FOR THE SECOND AFRICAN METHODIST



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1 EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES. SO WILLIE, IT'S GOOD TO SEE
2 YOU AGAIN, TWICE IN ONE WEEK. THANK YOU FOR LEADING US IN THE
3 PLEDGE AND THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, REV REVEREND. I'M GOING TO
6 ASK OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
9 THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 2,
10 PRESENTATIONS AND SET MATTERS. ON ITEM S-1, AS INDICATED ON
11 THE POSTED AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT
12 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO APRIL 6TH, 2010. AND ALSO
13 ON THIS ITEM, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
14 TO HOLD IT.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL HAVE A SPEAKER AND
17 THEN WE WILL CONTINUE THE ITEM.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
20 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM 1D.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY
23 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
2 AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 1-H, WE WILL HOLD FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE WILL HOLD THAT ITEM.

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 5, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH
7 THROUGH 4, AND WE WILL HOLD THESE ITEMS FOR THE PUBLIC
8 HEARING. ON PAGE 6, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 5 THROUGH 10. ON ITEM NO. 5, SUPERVISOR
10 MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO APRIL
11 6TH, 2010.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, THAT ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 8 THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER
16 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE
17 BEFORE YOU.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ON THOSE ITEMS, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
20 RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE IS
21 NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 8, CONSENT CALENDAR,
24 ITEMS 11 THROUGH 14. ON ITEM NO. 11, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE



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1 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH
2 30TH, 2010. MUCH.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 12, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM
7 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 13,
8 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUEST THAT THIS
9 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 14, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER
10 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THAT COMPLETES THE
11 CONSENT CALENDAR. NO ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 10, ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION,
16 ITEM NO. 15 AND 16, AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE
17 RECORD. ON ITEM NO. 15, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5,
18 PERSONNEL, AND TITLE 6, SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
19 CODE RELATING TO SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS. AND ON THIS ITEM,
20 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUEST THAT THE
21 ITEM BE HELD. THANK YOU. ON ITEM NO. 16, THIS AN ORDINANCE
22 AMENDING TITLE 5 PERSONNEL OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE
23 RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUTED BENEFIT PLAN.
24 AND ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE



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1 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEMS 17
2 THROUGH 19, WE WILL HOLD FOR A DISCUSSION.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** VERY GOOD.

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 12, MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE
7 AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
8 MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM 20-A.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY MYSELF. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
11 KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 20-B, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
14 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE WILL HOLD THAT ITEM.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
19 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
20 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 1.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** VERY GOOD. ALL RIGHT. I HAVE A
23 PRESENTATION THIS MORNING TO WELCOME A NEW CONSUL GENERAL, SO
24 I'M GOING TO ASK HIM TO COME UP AND JOIN US. IT'S MY HONOR
25 THIS MORNING TO MAKE A PRESENTATION, A WELCOME, TO THE



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1 HONORABLE JOSE ALBERTO ACEVEDO VOGL, THE CONSUL GENERAL OF
2 NICARAGUA HERE IN LOS ANGELES. IN NICARAGUA, HE SERVED AS THE
3 DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE DIVISION OF CEREMONIES FOR THE FOREIGN
4 MINISTRY. HE EARNED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN ECONOMICS FROM THE
5 INSTITUTE OF ECONOMICS IN CUBA AND THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
6 DEGREE FROM THE CUBAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. HE
7 IS A RETIRED ARMY CAPTAIN AND HAS EARNED NUMEROUS HONORS AND
8 AWARDS FOR HIS OUTSTANDING MILITARY SERVICE. HE IS ALSO AN
9 EXPERIENCED RANCHER AND HIS INTERESTS INCLUDE SWIMMING AND
10 AUTO RACING, INTERESTING. HE'S ACCOMPANIED TODAY BY A COUPLE
11 OF MEMBERS FROM OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY HERE THAT WE'RE VERY PROUD
12 TO HAVE. AND SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THIS IS
13 HEAVY, LET ME GIVE YOU A WARM WELCOME AND LET YOU KNOW THAT
14 WE'RE VERY PROUD TO HAVE YOU HERE AS OUR CONSUL GENERAL. AND
15 MORE IMPORTANTLY, THAT THIS BOARD IS PREPARED TO ASSIST YOU IN
16 WHATEVER YOU MAY NEED TO ASSIST ALL OF THE NICARAGUANS THAT
17 LIVE HERE IN THIS COUNTRY, IN LOS ANGELES. CONGRATULATIONS,
18 AND THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE.] I'M GOING TO ASK THE CONSUL
19 GENERAL TO PLEASE SAY A FEW WORDS AND I WILL HOLD THIS HEAVY
20 THING FOR YOU. THANK YOU.

21

22 **HON. JOSE ACEVEDO:** SENORES DE LA JUNTA SUPERVISORS DE LA
23 CIUDAD LOS ANGELES.

24

25 **[INTERPRETER]:** MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.



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2 **HON. JOSE ACEVEDO:** (IN SPANISH).

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4 **[INTERPRETER]:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR GIVING ME THIS
5 OPPORTUNITY. I AM HERE REPRESENTING THE GOVERNMENT OF UNION
6 AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AS GENERAL CONSUL OF THE REPUBLIC
7 OF NICARAGUA, WITH JURISDICTIONS IN ALBERTA, CANADA, ALASKA,
8 ARIZONA, NEVADA, OREGON, UTAH AND PARTS OF CALIFORNIA
9 INCLUDING FRESNO, SAN DIEGO, SANTA BARBARA, SAN LUIS OBISPO,
10 PALM SPRINGS, VENTURA, BAKERSFIELD, POMONA AND SAN BERNADINO.

11

12 **HON. JOSE ACEVEDO:** (IN SPANISH).

13

14 **[INTERPRETER]:** I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THAT IN
15 NICARAGUA, THE COUNTRY I REPRESENT, CHANGES ARE OCCURRING
16 WITHIN THE CHRISTIAN, SOCIALIST AND UNITED GOVERNMENT. I
17 REPRESENT A GOVERNMENT WITH A NEW TYPE OF STRUGGLE, ONE FOR
18 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, PEACE, SELF-DETERMINATION, WHO
19 LOVE LIFE AND ALL PEOPLE OF THE WORLD REGARDLESS OF THE
20 RELIGIOUS CREED, PARTY OR FORM OF POLITICAL ORGANIZATION.

21

22 **HON. JOSE ACEVEDO:** (IN SPANISH).

23

24 **[INTERPRETER]:** I WOULD LIKE TO ESTABLISH OPEN AND FRANK
25 COMMUNICATION WITH EACH OF YOU AND EXPRESS THE CHANGES THAT



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1 ARE OCCURRING IN OUR COUNTRY WHERE REVOLUTION IS DEEPENING OF
2 CHRISTIAN, SOCIALIST AND SOLIDARITY VALUES REPRESENTED IN ITS
3 VARIOUS PROGRAMS, SUCH AS ZERO HUNGER PROGRAM, LA TIERRA, OR
4 THE LAND PROGRAM, ACCESSIBLE HOUSING, CREDIT, FAIR TRADE,
5 CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF ROADS AND HIGHWAYS, AND IMPROVEMENT
6 OF FREE HEALTH SYSTEM. WE HAVE ALSO SUCCESSFULLY DEVELOPED A
7 LITERACY CAMPAIGN THAT REDUCED ILLITERACY FROM 30 PERCENT TO
8 JUST 4 PERCENT.

9

10 **HON. JOSE ACEVEDO:** (IN SPANISH).

11

12 **[INTERPRETER]:** IN THE ECONOMIC POLICY AREA, NICARAGUA IS A
13 COUNTRY THAT MEETS ALL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STANDARDS THAT
14 INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES IMPOSE ON COUNTRIES TO SAY THEY ARE
15 RELIABLE FOR LOANS AND GRANTS. AND SPEAKING OF SECURITY,
16 NICARAGUA IS ONE OF THE SAFEST COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA,
17 ESPECIALLY FOR ITS OPEN STRUGGLE AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING.

18

19 **HON. JOSE ACEVEDO:** (IN SPANISH).

20

21 **[INTERPRETER]:** THE GOVERNMENT HEADED BY PRESIDENT DANIEL
22 ORTEGA HAS INCREASED HOPES AND EXPECTATIONS ON ALL FRONTS, IN
23 ALL AVAILABLE, EMOTIONAL EFFECTS, SINCE HAVE BENEFIT ALL
24 FAMILIES WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF POLITICAL ORGANIZATION AND



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1 DESPITE THE INTERNATIONAL CRISIS AND THE BLOCKING OF SOME
2 INTERNATIONAL AID.

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4 **HON. JOSE ACEVEDO:** (IN SPANISH).

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6 **[INTERPRETER]:** NICARAGUA ADVANCED AS AN EXAMPLE OF DIGNITY AND
7 DEMOCRACY, DEMOCRACY CHECKED WITH THE UNRESTRICTED FREEDOM OF
8 EXPRESSION AND ORGANIZATION, BEING A COUNTRY WHERE THERE IS NO
9 SINGLE POLITICAL PRISONER.

10

11 **HON. JOSE ACEVEDO:** (IN SPANISH).

12

13 **[INTERPRETER]:** THIS YEAR IN NICARAGUA HAS BEEN DUBBED THE YEAR
14 OF SOLIDARITY. AND WE ARE HOLDING AS PART OF THIS THE ARRIVAL
15 OF A MEDICAL TEAM COMPOSED OF 54 AMERICAN SURGEONS FROM
16 CALIFORNIA TO DONATE THEIR LABOR, EQUIPMENT AND MEDICINE FOR
17 10 DAYS TO THE REMOVE VILLAGES IN THE NORTHERN STATE OF NUEVO
18 SEGOVIA. THE PARTICIPATION OF THIS MEDICAL TEAM IS ONE OF THE
19 MANY ACTS OF SOLIDARITY THAT OUR COUNTRY RECEIVES FROM THE
20 COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES.

21

22 **HON. JOSE ACEVEDO:** (IN SPANISH).

23

24 **[INTERPRETER]:** THE MAIN MESSAGE THAT I WANT TO DELIVER TODAY
25 IS THAT NICARAGUA WANTS TO BE FRIENDS WITH YOU AND THE COUNTRY



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1 THAT YOU REPRESENT AND TO ASK YOU TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING OUR
2 BELOVED COUNTRY AS MUCH AS YOU CAN. I PERSONALLY WOULD LIKE TO
3 BECOME A LINK BETWEEN THE NICARAGUAN COMMUNITY IN LOS ANGELES
4 COUNTY AND THE OFFICE THAT YOU REPRESENT.

5

6 **HON. JOSE ACEVEDO:** (IN SPANISH).

7

8 **[INTERPRETER]:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS RECEPTION, ON
9 BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF NICARAGUA. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR DON KNABE?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. AND THANK YOU FOR
14 ALLOWING ME TO TAKE ONE OF MY PRESENTATIONS OUT OF ORDER HERE
15 THIS MORNING. IT IS MY PLEASURE TO CALL UP OUR LOS ANGELES
16 COUNTY ASSESSOR, MR. RICK AUERBACH. RICK IS-- [APPLAUSE.] RICK
17 IS CONCLUDING A VERY DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER OF
18 NEARLY FOUR DECADES, INCLUDING 10 YEARS AS THE ELECTED
19 REPRESENTATIVE OF CONSTITUENCY OF SOME 10 MILLION TAXPAYERS
20 AND PROPERTY OWNERS. HE WAS ELECTED THREE TIMES TO THE OFFICE
21 OF ASSESSOR BY OUR VOTERS. HIS DILIGENCE AND DEDICATION TO
22 EXCELLENCE REWARDED AFTER HE ADVANCED FROM THE POST OF
23 PERSONAL PROPERTY APPRAISER THROUGH VARIOUS MANAGEMENT
24 POSITIONS AND WAS NAMED ASSESSOR IN 1998. UPON THE RETIREMENT
25 OF ASSESSOR KENNETH PEHON, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF



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1 SUPERVISORS APPOINTED RICK, HIS SUCCESSOR, IN THE YEAR 2000.
2 HE LAST WON RE-ELECTION BID IN 2006 WITH A VOTER APPROVAL OF
3 MORE THAN 75 PERCENT. HE ALSO SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE
4 CALIFORNIA ASSESSORS' ASSOCIATION AND HE IS MEMBER OF THE
5 SOCIETY OF AUDITOR APPRAISERS, THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
6 OF ASSESSING OFFICERS AND ELECTED MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE
7 BOARD OF THE COUNTY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL. WITH A FOCUS ON AWARD-
8 WINNING TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNET INNOVATIONS AND AN EMPHASIS ON
9 PUBLIC SERVICE, HIS DEPARTMENT, OUR ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT,
10 RECEIVED A 99.7 PERCENT QUALITY RATING FROM THE STATE BOARD OF
11 EQUALIZATION WHILE HE ALSO CREATED THE HISTORIC POST OF THE
12 PROPERTY OWNERS ADVOCATES. AND ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND OUR
13 BOARD AND THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS, PRIOR TO THE ALLOWING OF
14 THE ASSESSMENTS THIS YEAR, WE GOT THE FRAME. [LAUGHTER.] BUT
15 ANYWAY, TO RICK AND TO HIS FAMILY AND TO THE DEPARTMENT, JUST
16 A HAT'S OFF FOR A JOB WELL DONE. THERE'S NOT A MEMBER SITTING
17 UP HERE THAT DOESN'T REMEMBER THE GOOD OLD DAYS WHEN THERE WAS
18 A LOT OF BATTLES GOING ON BETWEEN THE VARIOUS OFFICES BETWEEN
19 THE ASSESSOR AND TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR. IT HAS NEVER BEEN
20 THE CASE WITH RICK AND HIS STAFF AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE
21 DEPARTMENT. SO WE JUST WANT TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS ON 40 YEARS
22 OF GREAT PUBLIC SERVICE, THE BEST TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AND
23 GOOD HEALTH. ENJOY RETIREMENT. WE WILL MISS YOU. AND GOD
24 SPEED. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK ALL OF US WANT TO SAY A LITTLE
2 SOMETHING, RICK. WE HAVE BEEN HONORED TO WORK WITH YOU. QUITE
3 A LITTLE GANG YOU BROUGHT WITH YOU HERE. VERY IMPRESSIVE.
4 ANYWAY, WE APPRECIATE THE PROFESSIONALISM BY WHICH YOU HAVE
5 HELD THAT POSITION. I MEAN, WE ALL REMEMBER THE TURMOIL FROM
6 YEARS AGO AND THE STANDARDS THAT YOU SET ARE QUITE HIGH. WE
7 APPRECIATE ALL OF THE WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE. AND WE REGRET
8 THAT YOU'RE LEAVING COUNTY SERVICE. BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT
9 A LOT TO DO HERE THAT WILL KEEP YOU BUSY. CONGRATULATIONS ON
10 YOUR RETIREMENT. [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO ADD WHEN I WAS
13 GROWING UP, I REMEMBER THE BATTLES IN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
14 AND THE POST PROP 13 ERA, I REMEMBER THE BATTLES THAT WERE
15 TAKING PLACE IN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AND IT WAS ALWAYS A
16 POINT OF CONTENTION. BUT I HAVE TO SAY THAT I DON'T THINK I'VE
17 EVER WORKED WITH AN ELECTED OFFICIAL WHO IS AS PROFESSIONAL,
18 AS EVEN-KEELED AS YOU ARE AND AS YOU HAVE BEEN. I THINK THIS
19 IS A GREAT LOSS TO THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AND TO THE COUNTY OF
20 LOS ANGELES. UNFORTUNATELY I THINK BECAUSE THE ASSESSOR'S
21 OFFICE IS SO LOW KEY THESE DAYS, I DON'T THINK THE PUBLIC HAS
22 AN APPRECIATION OF HOW TOUGH A JOB IT IS AND THE FACT THAT IT
23 HASN'T BEEN IN THE NEWS INDICATES WHAT A GREAT JOB YOU'VE DONE
24 FOR THAT OFFICE AND FOR THE TAXPAYERS OF THE COUNTY. ON BEHALF
25 OF MY STAFF, WHO HAS WORKED WITH YOU ON INDIVIDUAL PROBLEMS AS



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1 THEY COME TO US, YOUR OFFICE HAS ALWAYS BEEN RESPONSIVE AND WE
2 APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH. I ONLY HOPE THAT SOMEONE WILL EMERGE
3 WHO WILL BE ABLE TO FILL YOUR SHOES. I THINK IT'S A VIRTUALLY
4 IMPOSSIBLE TASK. I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY IN MY LIFETIME
5 YOU'RE THE GREATEST ASSESSOR THAT THIS COUNTY HAS HAD. RICK,
6 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO CONGRATULATE YOU. BUT AS I SAID
9 BEFORE, I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD HAVE RETIRED. YOU SHOULD HAVE
10 COMPLETED YOUR TERM. BUT WE WISH YOU WELL. AND THANK YOU FOR
11 THE COOPERATION THAT OUR OFFICE HAS HAD WITH YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RICK, YOU MAY HAVE BEEN UNDER THE FALSE
14 IMPRESSION WE WERE CLAPPING FOR YOU, BUT WE WERE CLAPPING FOR
15 THOSE THREE OR FOUR DOWN THERE. GIVE THEM ANOTHER BIG ROUND OF
16 APPLAUSE. THEY'RE HAVING A GOOD TIME THIS MORNING. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **RICK AUERBACH:** ALL RIGHT. WELL THANK YOU, ALL. YOU KNOW, IT'S
19 BEEN A GREAT 40 YEARS AND A VERY GOOD LAST 10 YEARS AS
20 ASSESSOR. I JUST WANT TO SAY A FEW THANK YOUS TO THE BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS, ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR ALL THE SUPPORT
22 OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. ALSO TO THE C.E.O., BILL FUJIOKA. I
23 HOPE YOU KEEP THAT SUPPORT IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS HERE DURING
24 BUDGET TIME. ALSO, YOU KNOW IT'S BEEN A SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT
25 TIME WITH THE NIGHTS SPENT OUT AND MISSING SOME FAMILY



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1 FUNCTIONS, SO I'D LIKE TO THANK MY FAMILY, ESPECIALLY MY WIFE
2 SHARON. WE JUST CELEBRATED OUR 41ST ANNIVERSARY LAST WEEK.
3 [APPLAUSE.] AND, LAST, THE ACCOLADES THAT THE SUPERVISORS HAVE
4 BEEN GIVING ME REALLY GO TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSESSOR'S
5 STAFF, WHO A LOT OF THEM ARE SITTING OUT THERE. I JUST WANT TO
6 THANK ALL OF THEM FOR THEIR WORK THIS LAST 10 YEARS AND
7 ACTUALLY FOR ALL THE WORK FOR THIS TIME IN THE ASSESSOR'S
8 OFFICE. ANYTHING THAT'S BEEN SAID ABOUT ME REALLY GOES TO
9 THEM. THEY'RE THE ONES THAT ARE DOING THE EVERYDAY WORK. I'M
10 JUST THERE HOPING TO GIVE THEM SOME SUPPORT. SO THANK YOU ALL.
11 AGAIN, IT'S BEEN A VERY GOOD 40 YEARS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** ONCE AGAIN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MR. RICK
14 AUERBACH. [APPLAUSE.] OKAY. AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO CALL
15 FORWARD ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, HEIDI GALLEGOS
16 AND JENNIFER KOTKE FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS WELL AS NATALIE
17 SALAZAR, OUR DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FROM OUR
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THIS YEAR ONCE AGAIN, THE WEEK OF MARCH
19 22ND-27TH IS BEING PROCLAIMED THE SAFE COMMUNITIES WEEK IN LOS
20 ANGELES COUNTY. SAFE COMMUNITIES WEEK WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE
21 EAST SAN GABRIEL, ANTI-GANG ADVISORY TASKFORCE AND THE
22 OPERATION SAFE COMMUNITY COALITIONS, MADE UP OF
23 REPRESENTATIVES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, SERVICE CLUBS, SCHOOLS,
24 CIVIC OFFICIALS AND VARIOUS COMMUNITY-BASED AGENCIES AND MOST
25 IMPORTANTLY, CONCERNED RESIDENTS WHOSE PRIMARY GOAL WAS TO



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1 PROMOTE THE PURSUIT OF A HEALTHIER, SAFER ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR
2 CHILDREN AND FUTURE GENERATIONS. OPERATION SAFE COMMUNITY, THE
3 ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE WALNUT DIAMOND BAR
4 SHERIFF'S STATION HAVE PARTNERED IN THE EFFORT TO RID OUR
5 COMMUNITY'S FEAR OF CRIME AND HAVE JOINED FORCES TO WORK IN
6 ALL ASPECTS OF CRIME PREVENTION. THIS YEAR THE FESTIVAL WILL
7 BE HELD AT ROWLAND HEIGHTS PARK, THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 27TH,
8 FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M. AND I ALSO WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT. THIS
9 PARTICULAR GROUP HERE GOT A LITTLE TRAFFIC ISSUE, KNOWN AS A
10 MAJOR TRAFFIC TIE-UP ON THE 10 FREEWAY COMING IN THIS MORNING
11 AND WEREN'T ABLE TO GET HERE EARLIER, BUT WE HAVE SOME SPECIAL
12 RECOGNITIONS WE'D LIKE TO DO DOWN HERE AND FIRST OF ALL, WE
13 WANT TO CONGRATULATE CHRISTINE LYNN WHO IS A SIXTH GRADER FROM
14 FAJARDO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHO WAS THE FIRST PLACE WINNER IN
15 THE SAFE COMMUNITIES WEEK BOOKMARK CONTEST. [APPLAUSE.] OKAY.
16 NEXT, WE'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE JOHANNA TAJEDA AND CYNTHIA
17 CAMPOS, BOTH EIGHTH GRADERS FROM GIANNO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.
18 AND THIS WAS FOR THE POSTER CONTEST, ALL RIGHT. [APPLAUSE.]
19 CONGRATULATIONS. AND THEN FROM THE RINCON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL,
20 WE HAVE GABBY HERNANDEZ AND PAUL MARTINEZ AND CONGRATULATIONS
21 TO THEM, AS WELL. [APPLAUSE.] ALSO POSTER CONTEST WINNER, I'M
22 SORRY. THEN ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES HERE ON THE
23 BOARD, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT, IN RECOGNITION OF SAFE
24 COMMUNITIES WEEK, TO HEIDI AND JENNIFER AND OTHERS. AGAIN,
25 ONCE AGAIN RECOGNIZING NEXT WEEK AND THIS WEEK AS SAFE



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1 COMMUNITIES WEEK IN THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS AREA OF LOS ANGELES
2 COUNTY. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SPEAKER:** WELL THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE, MADAME CHAIR AND
5 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT
6 IT'S ALREADY BEEN 18 YEARS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF OPERATION
7 SAFE COMMUNITY THAT WAS A GROUP OF CONCERNED PARENTS,
8 GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS TRYING TO MAKE THE
9 PLACE, TRYING TO MAKE ROWLAND HEIGHTS A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.
10 AND THROUGH THOSE EFFORTS WE'VE BEEN TREMENDOUSLY SUCCESSFUL.
11 I AM VERY PROUD TO REPRESENT THE ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
12 AND HOW WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO BRING CRIME DOWN IN THAT PARTICULAR
13 AREA. OF COURSE, SPECIAL THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR KNABE: WE
14 COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT. I'D LIKE TO WELCOME UP
15 HERE NATALIE SALAZAR, REPRESENTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
16 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, A PARTNER WITH ROWLAND SCHOOLS DISTRICT
17 AS WE TEACH OUR CHILDREN TO BE GOOD COMMUNITY SERVANTS AND TO
18 GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. SO NATALIE, DO YOU WANT TO STEP UP
19 HERE?

20

21 **NATALIE SALAZAR:** WELL, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] ON BEHALF OF THE
22 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND OPERATION SAFE
23 COMMUNITIES, WE HAVE TAKEN THAT WHOLE CONCEPT ONE STEP FURTHER
24 AND HAVE DECLARED THE WHOLE MONTH OF MARCH SAFE COMMUNITIES
25 MONTH. WE'VE OFFERED PEACE MARCHES, COMMUNITY EMERGENCY



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1 RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING, NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY TRAINING TO
2 PREPARE PEOPLE FOR ANY KINDS OF DISASTERS OUT THERE. A LOT OF
3 NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TRAININGS HAVE GONE ON. WE HAD A VERY
4 SUCCESSFUL ONE IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT AND HOPE TO BE MODELING
5 THAT IN SEVERAL OTHERS. AND IN ADDITION TO OUR FESTIVAL THAT
6 WILL CULMINATE WHAT WE HAVE DONE OVER THE LAST MONTH TO
7 CELEBRATE SAFE COMMUNITIES, WE'LL ALSO BE HOSTING A PEACE
8 MARCH IN COMPTON. SO WE'RE LOOKING AT ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE
9 COUNTY INVOLVING CHURCHES, PARKS, SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY-BASED
10 AGENCIES, RESIDENTS, YOUNG PEOPLE, ANYBODY TO GET THE WORD
11 OUT, BECAUSE WE ALL WANT TO LIVE IN A SAFER COMMUNITY. SO
12 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT TODAY AND WE HOPE THAT YOU'LL BE
13 JOINING ONE OF YOUR LOCAL SHERIFF'S STATIONS OR COMMUNITY
14 EFFORTS TO CREATE SAFER COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT WAS A ROUND OF
17 OVERWHELMING APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. NOW I'M
20 GOING TO CALL SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR HIS PRESENTATIONS
21 PRESENTATIONS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, THIS IS A SAD DAY BECAUSE WE'RE GOING
24 TO BID FAREWELL TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS SERVED OUR COUNTY
25 WITH DISTINCTION FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, OVER 36 YEARS. HE



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1 STARTED AS AN INTERN IN THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE MANY, MANY YEARS
2 AGO AND THAT'S GARY MILLER. AND THEN WE MOVED ON TO THE COUNTY
3 COUNSEL'S OFFICE. GRADUATE OF THE CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY AT LOS
4 ANGELES AND HIS DOCTORATE IN LAW DEGREE FROM LAVERNE
5 UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER, AS I SAID WITH
6 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IN 1976, HE HAD JOINED THE COUNTY
7 COUNSEL'S OFFICE. HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THAT OFFICE INCLUDED
8 ESTABLISHING A MODEL PROGRAM WHEN HE WAS ASSIGNED OVERSIGHT OF
9 THE HOSPITAL LIABILITY PROGRAM, SETTLING OVER 500 MEDICAL
10 MALPRACTICE LAWSUITS. HIS LEADERSHIP IN THAT ROLE WAS
11 EXCEPTIONAL AND UNPARALLELED. AND SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA
12 WILL COMMENT ON THAT SHORTLY. IT WAS DURING THAT ASSIGNMENT
13 THAT HE THEN CREATED THE ROUND TABLE PROCESS, IMPORTANT
14 LITIGATION TOOL WHICH BRINGS ALL OF THE KEY PEOPLE IN A GIVEN
15 CASE TO THE TABLE. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THEY DEVELOP A FULL AND
16 ACCURATE EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT OF THESE CASES, INCLUDING
17 CLARIFICATION OF LEGAL THEORIES, ASSESSMENT OF LITIGATION
18 STRATEGY, IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES,
19 POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS. AND THIS WAS ALSO A VERY
20 SUCCESSFUL TOOL BECAUSE ON SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION IN 2000,
21 THE BOARD APPROVED THE EXPANSION FOR MEDICAL MALPRACTICE TO
22 LAW ENFORCEMENT CASES, WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY THEN EXPANDED TO
23 ALL REMAINING TYPES OF CASES WITHIN THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S
24 OFFICE. SO, GARY, AS THE GODFATHER OF THE ROUND TABLES, WE
25 THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THAT EFFORT. YOU'RE A YOUNG



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1 GRANDFATHER. AND HOPE THAT WE CAN REINSTATE THOSE PRINCIPLES
2 THAT YOU PUT IN PLACE WITH THE HELP OF OUR NEW COUNTY COUNSEL,
3 WHO IS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING LITIGATION MANAGEMENT AND MAKING
4 SURE THAT OUR BOARD WILL RECEIVE FULL AND ACCURATE FACTS. HE'S
5 ALSO THE GURU WHEN IT COMES TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, I.T.,
6 WITH A UNIQUE PERCEPTIVE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF INCORPORATING IT
7 IN THE FIELD OF LAW. AS SUCH, HE WAS THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S LEAD
8 ATTORNEY ASSIGNED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE TO
9 IMPLEMENT THE COUNTY-WIDE RISK MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM.
10 AND WORKING WITH MY OFFICE, HE SPEARHEADED THE COUNTY
11 COUNSEL'S EFFORTS TO EXPLORE E-BUILDING OPTIONS FOR IN-HOUSE
12 AND OUTSIDE COUNSEL. SO WE HOPE THAT THE OFFICE WILL BUILD ON
13 THIS EXTENSIVE RESEARCH AND DATA THAT YOU HAVE GATHERED, WHICH
14 YOU WERE ASSIGNED TO THIS PROJECT MANY, MANY YEARS AGO. SO
15 DURING THIS 36-YEAR CAREER, HE HAS HANDLED OVER 200 COURT
16 TRIALS, THREE SIGNIFICANT JURY TRIALS, NUMEROUS APPEALS,
17 PUBLISHED FIVE OPINIONS, CONDUCTED 2,000 ROUND TABLES,
18 PRESENTED OVER 200 MATTERS TO THE CLAIMS BOARD FOR
19 CONSIDERATION, MUCH-- WHICH ALSO CAME TO OUR BOARD FOR FINAL
20 APPROVAL. SO YOU'VE BEEN A VERY STRONG LEADER, SOMEONE WHO WE
21 ALL ABIDE BY YOUR LEGAL PROFESSIONALISM, AND YOU'RE NOT AFRAID
22 TO SPEAK THE TRUTH AND EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVANT. SO WE'RE VERY
23 PLEASED TO HAVE YOU. AND HE'S WITH US WITH HIS WIFE JANICE AND
24 HIS MOTHER MRS. MILLER, IS WITH US TODAY. LET ME ASK



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1 SUPERVISOR MOLINA TO SAY A FEW WORDS AND THEN WE'LL ASK GARY
2 TO SAY A FEW.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ABSOLUTELY. THANK YOU, MIKE. IT'S VERY
5 DISAPPOINTING TO SEE THAT GARY MILLER IS LEAVING, BUT IT'S
6 REALLY QUITE AN OPPORTUNITY TO POINT OUT ONE OF THE FINEST
7 EXAMPLES OF A CONSCIENTIOUS, OF A CREATIVE, A VERY DEDICATED
8 AND TENACIOUS PUBLIC SERVANT, AND I APPLAUD YOU FOR THAT. IN
9 THE MID 1990S WHEN I INSISTED ON DEVELOPING A CORRECTIVE
10 ACTION PROCESS FOR THE COUNTY'S MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CASES,
11 GARY WAS THE FIRST ONE TO STEP IN TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT
12 OF HEALTH SERVICES TO CREATE SUCH A PROCESS. HE ASSISTED EVERY
13 SINGLE ONE OF US IN ESTABLISHING A VERY EFFICIENT, A VERY
14 EFFECTIVE PROCESS, WHICH INCORPORATED ACCOUNTABILITY AND
15 HELPED INSTILL PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN ALL OF THOSE CASES. GARY'S
16 INPUT AND APPROACH HELPED US GREATLY. FROM 1995 TO 2000, OUR
17 LEGAL CLAIMS SUBSTANTIALLY DECREASED. WE REDUCED OUR ANNUAL
18 LEGAL SETTLEMENTS BY OVER \$10 MILLION, SOMETHING TO BE TRULY
19 APPLAUDED, DOLLARS THAT WENT INTO OTHER SERVICES, AND SO WE
20 ARE VERY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT HE DID. IMPLEMENTING THE
21 CORRECTIVE ACTION PROCESS WAS DIFFICULT AND VERY CHALLENGING,
22 AS BOTH OF US KNOW. AND OF COURSE THE ISSUES OF DISCIPLINE
23 THAT FOLLOW ARE EVEN TOUGHER. GARY SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS
24 MEETING WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT STAFF
25 TO ENSURE THAT ALL THE QUESTIONS WERE ANSWERED. HE INFUSED AN



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1 UNBELIEVABLE, REFRESHING ENERGY AND ACCOUNTABILITY INTO THE
2 PROCESS. GARY ENSURED THE STAFF, WHO ANSWERED OUR QUESTIONS,
3 WERE IMPECCABLY PREPARED. IN FACT, HE WOULD OFTEN INSIST THAT
4 SPECIFIC MEDICAL EQUIPMENT BE INCLUDED IN THE BRIEFINGS TO
5 DEMONSTRATE EXACTLY WHAT HAD OCCURRED IN THESE CASES. ALSO,
6 (LAUGHING) GARY WAS KEY IN DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING, AS
7 MICHAEL SAID, THE ROUND TABLE PROCESS WHICH OCCURS TODAY. I
8 CAN'T-- GARY, YOU ARE TRULY ONE IN A MILLION. WE'RE GOING TO
9 MISS YOU. IT'S JUST UNBELIEVABLE THE WORK THAT YOU DID. I
10 APPLAUD HIM BECAUSE THIS IS ONE OF THOSE VERY CONSCIENTIOUS
11 LAWYERS THAT IF WE HAD ENOUGH RISK MANAGEMENT GOING ON INTO
12 ALL OF OUR LAWSUITS, WE WOULD MAKE FULL CIRCLE TO GO BACK INTO
13 THE DEPARTMENTS AND FIND OUT WHAT WENT WRONG, CORRECT IT AND
14 MAKE SURE IT DOESN'T HAPPEN. ALL OF THIS IS NOW GOING ON, NOT
15 AS EFFECTIVE AS WHEN YOU WERE DOING IT, BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOU
16 WERE JUST REALLY TENACIOUS AND ALWAYS PUTTING NEW ENERGY INTO
17 IT, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT HAS CONTINUED TO SAVE DOLLARS. IT
18 HAS CONTINUED TO SAVE LIVES. AND ANY OF THE ISSUES THAT WE
19 HAVE WITHIN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH
20 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE AND YOUR GUIDANCE.
21 YOU'RE EVERYTHING A LAWYER SHOULD BE. WHEN WE, AS A CLIENT, WE
22 NEED SOMEONE THAT WE CAN GO TO TO ASSIST US AS TO HOW TO GET
23 THIS WORK DONE, TO GIVE US THE INFORMATION, THE LEGAL
24 INFORMATION THAT WE NEED; AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, TO TRUST YOUR



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1 JUDGMENT, WHICH WE DID. THANK YOU SO MUCH, GARY, FOR YOUR
2 SERVICE TO THE COUNTY. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **GARY MILLER:** WOW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THOSE COMMENTS. I'M
5 VERY TOUCHED BY THOSE COMMENTS. I'D LIKE TO CIRCLE BACK TO THE
6 LAWYER COMMENTS, BUT FOR JUST A MINUTE I'D LIKE TO GIVE THANKS
7 TO THESE TWO WOMEN WHO WERE BEHIND ME AND SUPPORTED ME IN THIS
8 TIME, FOR MY WIFE JANICE, WHO WAS THERE WITH HER LOVE AND
9 DEVOTION, FOR THOSE LONG HOURS THAT YOU ALL KNOW I WORKED. AND
10 MY MOM, WITHOUT WHICH I WOULDN'T BE HERE. [LAUGHTER.] AND FOR
11 HER GUIDANCE IN THOSE EARLY YEARS. I STARTED OUT 36 YEARS AGO
12 WITH A DREAM TO BECOME A LAWYER. I STARTED WITH THE C.A.O. AND
13 I'VE LIVED MY DREAM. I STAND HERE 36 YEARS LATER LOOKING BACK,
14 AND YOU'VE GIVEN ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE MY DREAM. AND I
15 THANK YOU VERY MUCH ON THAT. I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR THE
16 COMMENTS YOU'VE MADE ABOUT MYSELF AS A LAWYER. YOU THAT KNOW
17 ME KNOW THAT I TAKE THAT VERY SERIOUSLY. THERE IS NO-- THERE
18 IS JUST SIMPLY NO-- NOTHING MORE SACRED IN AMERICAN
19 JURISPRUDENCE THAN THE ATTORNEY/CLIENT RELATIONSHIP. I VALUE
20 THAT RELATIONSHIP AND I TRY TO ABIDE BY IT. MY FRIENDS, MY
21 COLLEAGUES, EVEN MY DETRACTORS, WOULD SAY THAT IF I'VE SAID IT
22 ONCE, I'VE SAID IT 1,000 TIMES, I COME INTO WORK IN THE
23 MORNING AND I PUT MY BAR CARD ON MY DESK. WHEN I LEAVE IN THE
24 EVENING, I TAKE IT WITH ME. I'M VERY PROUD OF THAT BAR CARD
25 AND I'M VERY PROUD OF THE ATTORNEY/CLIENT RELATIONSHIP. AND



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1 THAT'S WHY THIS PRESENTATION TO ME IS SO MEANINGFUL. IT DIDN'T
2 COME FROM MY BOSS. IT DIDN'T COME FROM MY DEPARTMENT. IT CAME
3 FROM MY CLIENT. AND TO A LAWYER REPRESENTING A CLIENT IS THE
4 MOST VALIANT THING THAT CAN BE DONE. THERE IS NO GREATER
5 RELATIONSHIP IN BUSINESS INVOLVING THE RELATIONSHIPS, THE
6 DUTIES AND THE HONORABLE NATURE OF THE CONCEPT. AND WITH THAT,
7 WITH EVERY EFFORT THAT I BROUGHT FORTH, I TRIED TO BRING THAT
8 TO THIS BOARD AND REPRESENT YOU IN THE BEST WAY I CAN. AND I
9 JUST WANT TO SAY THAT AS MUCH AS I FEEL ABOUT THE
10 ATTORNEY/CLIENT RELATIONSHIP, I WILL REMEMBER THIS MOMENT
11 ALWAYS FOR THE KIND WORDS AND THE EFFORT PUT IN BY MY CLIENT.
12 GOD BLESS YOU AND THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, GARY. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME BRING UP LITTLE MAX WHO IS A LITTLE
17 16-WEEK DACHSIE MIX. AND THIS IS LITTLE MAXIE. SO IF ANYBODY
18 WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT MAX? WANT TO GO IN RETIREMENT? WANT TO GO
19 WITH GARY? ANYWAY, HE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME, 562-728-4644 FOR
20 LITTLE MAX. AND HE'LL BRING A LOT OF JOY TO YOU. RIGHT, MAX?
21 HE'S A LITTLE SHY RIGHT NOW.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** I'M GOING TO ASK OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
24 TO SWEAR IN ALL OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT WILL BE TESTIFYING
25 TODAY AT OUR PUBLIC HEARINGS.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE
3 BOARD ON ITEMS 1-H AND ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4, PLEASE STAND AND
4 RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY
5 GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE
6 TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU
7 GOD? THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. ON ITEM NO. 1-H, I'LL READ
8 THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS A HEARING TO
9 CONSIDER THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S ANNUAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR
10 2010-2011, WHICH UPDATES THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S PROGRAM
11 GOALS, MAJOR POLICIES AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE
12 CAPITAL FUND ANNUAL STATEMENT AND FIVE-YEAR ACTION PLAN, THE
13 ADMISSIONS AND CONTINUED OCCUPANCY POLICY FOR THE CONVENTIONAL
14 PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM, THE PUBLIC HOUSING LEASE AGREEMENT AND
15 THE SECTION 8 TENANT-BASED PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN. THE
16 DEPARTMENT WILL NOT BE SPEAKING ON THIS. AND NO CORRESPONDENCE
17 WAS SUBMITTED, BUT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS ON THIS
18 ITEM.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO ASK THE
21 DEPARTMENT TO COME UP AND SIT HERE IN CASE WE NEED TO ASK ANY
22 QUESTIONS. THERE ARE 11 SPEAKERS. I'M GOING TO TRY AND LIMIT
23 YOU TO A MINUTE. WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE. IF YOU NEED MORE
24 TIME, WE WILL TRY AND ACCOMMODATE YOU. SO IF YOU'D PLEASE JOIN
25 US. FIRST WE HAVE ANAT RUBIN. FOLLOWED BY MARK CASANOVA. LEDA



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1 GREMBOWSKI. AND LINDA LANGRIDGE. IF YOU'D PLEASE JOIN US,
2 PLEASE. COULD I ASK THE PEOPLE IN THE MIDDLE TO MAYBE ALLOW
3 THE PEOPLE TO COME UP A BIT? THANK YOU. RIGHT OVER HERE.
4 ANYWAY, WE HAVE FOUR SEATS UP THERE. ANAT RUBIN WOULD BEGIN.

5

6 **ANAT RUBIN:** HI, MY NAME IS ANAT RUBIN AND I'M HERE WITH
7 L.A.M.P. COMMUNITY, AN ORGANIZATION THAT SERVES HOMELESS
8 INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES. I CAME HERE TO
9 THANK BOTH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE SUPERVISORS FOR
10 REMOVING FROM THE ADMIN PLAN TWO PROPOSED AMENDMENTS THAT
11 WOULD HAVE HAD A DEVASTATING IMPACT ON SO MANY PEOPLE WITH
12 DISABILITIES, BOTH HOUSED AND HOMELESS, AND WOULD HAVE
13 EFFECTIVELY PREVENTED THIS COUNTY FROM BEING ABLE TO USE
14 SECTION 8 AS A TOOL TO PREVENT AND END HOMELESSNESS AMONG THIS
15 POPULATION. I AM ALARMED THIS MORNING TO FIND THERE'S A MOTION
16 TO PUT THESE AMENDMENTS BACK IN THE ADMIN PLAN. UNDERMINING A
17 MONTHS LONG PROCESS WHICH CULMINATED LAST WEEK IN AN AGREEMENT
18 TO HAVE A ROBUST DISCUSSION ABOUT WHETHER THIS COUNTY WANTS TO
19 KEEP SECTION 8 ACCESSIBLE TO THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST. SO I'D
20 LIKE TO URGE THE SUPERVISORS THIS MORNING TO HONOR THAT
21 AGREEMENT AND TO LISTEN TO THE COUNTLESS ORGANIZATIONS AND
22 CONSTITUENTS WHO HAVE COME OUT PUBLICLY OVER THE LAST FEW
23 MONTHS TO OPPOSE THESE AMENDMENTS. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. CASANOVA.



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2 **MARK CASANOVA:** I'M MARK CASANOVA, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF

3 HOMELESS HEALTHCARE. WITH COUNTY FUNDING AND SECTION 8

4 HOUSING, WE OPERATE THE VERY SUCCESSFUL ACCESS TO HOUSING FOR

5 HEALTH PILOT PROGRAM. SUPERVISOR KNABE SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR

6 CREATING A CUTTING EDGE PROGRAM. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE.

7 THIS INNOVATIVE PROGRAM PROVIDES SERVICES TO THE MOST

8 VULNERABLE AND HIGHEST COST HOMELESS PEOPLE DISCHARGED FROM

9 COUNTY HOSPITALS WITH CRITICAL HEALTHCARE ISSUES. ONCE IN

10 STABILIZED ENVIRONMENT, THEY SUCCESSFULLY DEAL WITH THEIR

11 PROBLEMS, CONNECT WITH FAMILIES AND BECOME PRODUCTIVE, HEALTHY

12 INDIVIDUALS. THERE'S BEEN SIGNIFICANT COST AVOIDANCE WITH THAT

13 PROGRAM, OVER \$1 MILLION IN MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL COSTS. AND

14 I'M HERE TODAY TO BASICALLY SAY THAT TALK ABOUT YOUR APPROVAL

15 TO THE PLAN. WE SUPPORT THE SUPERVISORS AND THE HOUSING

16 AUTHORITY IN THEIR DECISION TO TAKE OUT TWO DANGEROUS

17 AMENDMENTS OUT OF THE SECTION 8 PLAN. AND SOME FOLKS WILL TALK

18 MORE ABOUT THOSE. BUT THIS WILL ALLOW MORE TIME FOR PUBLIC

19 INPUT AND CREATE A TRANSPARENT PROCESS, A PROCESS THAT'S

20 CRITICAL FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES. I WANTED TO TAKE

21 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FOR INVOLVING THE HOUSING

22 AUTHORITY'S STAFF AND ESPECIALLY THANK THE BOARD DEPUTIES THAT

23 WERE INVOLVED. BUT I'M CONCERNED, TOO, AS ANAT IS, THAT I

24 HEARD AT THE LAST MINUTE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO RECONSIDER THE

25 REMOVAL OF THE AMENDMENTS. AND YOU CAN'T DO THAT. NOT AT THE



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1 LAST MINUTE AND NOT IN A NON TRANSPARENT MANNER. FOR THE
2 RECORD, THE AMENDMENTS THREATEN THE SAFE AND SECURE HOUSING OF
3 THE MAJORITY OF OUR CLIENTS, THE CHANGES ARE ONEROUS WHEN
4 APPLIED TO TENANTS WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES. THE AMENDMENTS
5 JEOPARDIZE ALL THE RECENT PROGRESS THAT THE COUNTY HAS MADE IN
6 REDUCING BOTH HOMELESSNESS AMONG PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS
7 DISABILITIES AND THE RESULTING HIGHER COST TO COUNTY
8 TAXPAYERS. IT'S CRUCIAL THAT WE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS. ONE,
9 I URGE YOU TO NOT ACCEPT THE LAST-MINUTE MOTION TO RECONSIDER
10 THIS DECISION THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN AGREED TO BY MANY
11 STAKEHOLDERS. DO NOT ALLOW A LAST MINUTE MOTION TO DERAIL A
12 PROCESS. TWO, REMOVE THE DANGEROUS AMENDMENTS. AND, YOU KNOW,
13 JUST LASTLY I WANT TO THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR MAKING THIS
14 LEADERSHIP DECISION THAT I KNOW YOU ALL CAN MAKE.

15
16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. CASANOVA. MISS
17 GREMBOWSKI.

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19 **LEDA GREMBOWSKI:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LEDA GREMBOWSKI AND
20 I WORK FOR HOMELESS HEALTHCARE LOS ANGELES. I WOULD LIKE TO
21 THANK DON KNABE FOR CREATING THE ACCESS TO HOUSING FOR HEALTH
22 PROGRAM. IT IS EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE BECAUSE OF ITS CASE
23 MANAGEMENT COMPONENT. AND AS A SOCIAL WORKER, I BELIEVE IT IS
24 A GREAT PROGRAM THAT ACTUALLY MAKES BIG CHANGES TO CLIENTS'
25 LIVES. AS A CASE MANAGER IN THE ACCESS TO HOUSING FOR HEALTH



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1 PROGRAM, I BELIEVE THAT THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO SECTION 8 WILL
2 AFFECT A LOT OF THE CLIENTS THAT HAVE GRADUATED THE PROGRAM
3 BECAUSE THE CASE MANAGEMENT THAT WE PROVIDE ONLY LASTS FOR THE
4 FIRST YEAR THAT THEY ARE IN THE PROGRAM. AFTER THAT, THEY'RE
5 BASICALLY ON THEIR OWN. THE PROPOSED ONE STRIKE RULE FOR
6 MISSING AN APPOINTMENT OR TURNING IN DOCUMENTATION LATE COULD
7 AFFECT ALL OF OUR GRADUATES. ALL OF OUR CLIENTS HAVE CHRONIC
8 MEDICAL CONDITIONS, AND THEIR CONSTANT APPOINTMENTS AND
9 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES COULD AFFECT THEIR ABILITY TO FOLLOW
10 THROUGH. IF THE ONE STRIKE RULE GETS THEM KICKED OUT OF
11 HOUSING FOR FAILING TO TURN IN DOCUMENTATION OR FOR MISSING AN
12 APPOINTMENT, THEY WILL BE RIGHT BACK WHERE THEY STARTED,
13 COSTING THE COUNTY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. COULD WE ALSO HAVE, BEFORE I
16 CALL ON MRS. LANGRIDGE, STEVE DIAZ TO JOIN US, DEANNA WEAKLY
17 AND JYOTI NANDA-- I'M SORRY, MISS LANGRIDGE.

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19 **LINDA LANGRIDGE:** YES, MY NAME IS LINDA LANGRIDGE AND I'M A
20 CLIENT OF YOUR PROGRAM. I'VE BEEN IN MY HOUSING IN AUGUST IT
21 WILL BE A YEAR. I CAME HERE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
22 FOR THE FACT THAT THEY WERE NOT GOING TO VOTE ON THESE
23 AMENDMENTS. NOW I'M FINDING OUT THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT
24 THEY WILL. IF THIS HAPPENS AND THEY DECIDE TO GO WITH THIS, IT
25 LITERALLY DESTROYS THE BASIS OF ME BEING ABLE TO START MY LIFE



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1 OVER AGAIN AND BE AN ACCOMPLISHED CITIZEN. I'M GOING TO SCHOOL
2 NOW. MY HOME IS BASE. IT'S BASE FOR ALL OF US. THAT'S WHERE WE
3 MAKE OUR DECISIONS, WE REALIZE OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, OUR
4 SUCCESSES, OUR FAILURES. AND WITHOUT THAT, I CANNOT CONTINUE
5 TO LEAD A PRODUCTIVE LIFE. SO I'M ASKING THE BOARD TO PLEASE
6 RECONSIDER. AND I SPEAK NOT ONLY FOR MYSELF, BUT FOR THE
7 THOUSANDS OTHERS THAT HAVE WALKED THROUGH THE OUT PROGRAM.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU SO MUCH. MR. DIAZ?

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11 **STEVE DIAZ:** YES. MY NAME IS STEVE DIAZ, AND I AM WITH THE LOS
12 ANGELES COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK, L.A. C.A.N.S., A COMMUNITY-
13 BASED MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION, WORKING IN THE SKID ROW
14 COMMUNITY. AND AS YOU ALL MAY KNOW, SKID ROW IS HOME TO THE
15 LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF HOMELESSNESS. WE'RE HERE TODAY
16 ACTUALLY TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR TAKING AWAY THIS
17 PROPOSED AMENDMENT THAT WILL HIGHLY IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY AND
18 OUR MEMBERSHIP. BUT I'M HIGHLY CONCERNED THAT THE
19 CONSIDERATION TO BRING THIS ISSUE BACK TO THE TABLE WITH MOST
20 OF OUR FOLKS WHO SUFFER FROM DISABILITIES, THEY ARE MORE
21 LIKELY TO MISS AN APPOINTMENT BECAUSE OF THEIR MEDICATION,
22 BECAUSE OF OTHER CONSIDERATIONS OF TRYING TO FIND FOOD AND
23 OTHER NECESSITIES OF LIFE. IF YOU CONSIDER TAKING AWAY
24 SOMEONE'S SECTION 8 BECAUSE THEY CANNOT MAKE AN APPOINTMENT,
25 IT IS CLEARLY UNFAIR. AND HOW MANY OF US HAVE MISSED AN



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1 APPOINTMENT ON A DAILY BASIS? MISSED AN APPOINTMENT TO THE
2 DOCTOR, MISSED AN APPOINTMENT TO OUR CHILD'S DAYCARE, MISSED
3 AN APPOINTMENT TO SCHOOL AND MANY OTHER THINGS. PLEASE DON'T
4 LET THAT HAPPEN.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MISS WEAKLY?

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8 **DEANNA WEAKLY:** MY NAME IS DEANNA WEAKLY. I'VE ENDED UP
9 HOMELESS DUE TO THE COLLAPSE OF THE REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY AND
10 THE COLLAPSE OF THE CEILING. I ENDED UP GETTING MY SECTION 8
11 VOUCHER THROUGH L.A. C.A.N. I AM AN L.A. C.A.N. MEMBER. AND
12 DURING MY HOMELESSNESS FOR THREE YEARS, MISS MOLINA, I
13 RECEIVED A CHRISTMAS CARD FROM YOU EVERY YEAR NO MATTER WHERE
14 I WAS. I THANK YOU FOR THAT. IT TOOK ME A YEAR TO DATE, AND
15 I'M STILL NOT QUITE FINISHED WITH IT, TO GET MY HOUSING IN
16 ORDER BECAUSE I MISSED ONE APPOINTMENT. I ENDED UP HAVING TO
17 GET A LAWYER TO OPEN THE CASE ALL OVER AGAIN. AND THE
18 FRUSTRATION WITH THAT, ALONG WITH MY CHRONIC HEALTH PROBLEMS,
19 IT'S ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS. I THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING THAT
20 THIS BOARD HAS DONE SO FAR. BUT PLEASE DON'T TAKE AWAY THE
21 CHOICES THAT WE ALREADY HAVE OUT THERE. IT IMPACTS THE
22 COMMUNITY IN WAYS THAT YOU COULD NEVER IMAGINE. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. MISS NANDA.

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1 **JYOTI NANDA:** MY NAME IS JYOTI NANDA. I'M A FACULTY MEMBER AT
2 U.C.L.A. SCHOOL OF LAW. PRIOR TO JOINING THE FACULTY SEVEN
3 YEARS AGO, I WAS A CIVIL RIGHTS LAWYER AND I'M HERE IN MY
4 CAPACITY AS A FACULTY MEMBER, AS PART OF A CLINICAL CLASS THAT
5 I TEACH WITH GARY BLAZEY. WE'VE BEEN RESEARCHING THIS ISSUE
6 AND ARE HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT THE SUPPORT THAT WE HAVE FOR
7 THE PROPOSAL OPPOSING THE DRACONIAN CHANGES THAT THE
8 SUPERVISORS ARE POTENTIALLY GOING TO PROPOSE, THE ONE STRIKE
9 AND YOU'RE HOMELESS, AND THE EXTENDED FIVE-YEAR WAITING
10 PERIOD. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO TAKE A MOMENT TO
11 REALIZE HOW MANY DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS HAVE MOBILIZED AND
12 TAKEN A PUBLIC POSITION ON THIS ISSUE. THESE ORGANIZATIONS
13 REPRESENT YOUR CONSTITUENTS. UNITED WAY OF LOS ANGELES,
14 CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL LOS ANGELES, DIVISION OF ADOLESCENT
15 MEDICINE, U.S.C. CENTER FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH STUDIES. PUBLIC
16 COUNSEL, WATTS HEALTHCARE CORPORATION, MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY
17 SERVICE, LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICE AUTHORITY, WOMEN'S
18 COUNCIL OF THE CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
19 OF SOCIAL WORKERS, LOS ANGELES CHRISTIAN HEALTH CENTERS, INNER
20 CITY LAW CENTER, CLARE FOUNDATION, LOS ANGELES HEALTH ACTION.
21 THIS LONG LIST OF SUPPORTERS BELIEVES WHAT WE BELIEVE, WHICH
22 IS THAT SUPPORTING THIS POSITION IS NOT THE FAIREST AND MOST
23 COST-EFFECTIVE THING FOR THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.
24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NOW, WE HAVE EDWARD
2 AHERN, IF HE'D JOIN US. GREG SPIEGEL. FERNANDO GAYTAN. AND
3 SHIRLEY SANEMATSU. THANK YOU. WOULD YOU COME UP AND JOIN US?
4 MR. AHERN, IF YOU WOULD BEGIN?

5

6 **EDWARD AHERN:** GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME THE
7 TIME TO SPEAK ABOUT THIS VERY IMPORTANT AGENDA ITEM. MY NAME
8 IS ED AHERN, AND I'M THE STATEWIDE OLMSTEAD TRAINING
9 COORDINATOR WITH THE WESTSIDE CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
10 CENTER IN LOS ANGELES. W.C.I.L. IS A CONSUMER-CONTROLLED
11 EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY SERVING PEOPLE WITH ALL
12 DISABILITIES THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES. THE REASON I'M HERE TODAY
13 IS TO OPPOSE THE APPROVAL OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S AGENCY
14 PLAN AS IS. TEN YEARS AGO THE SUPREME COURT RULED THAT IT WAS
15 WHAT WAS COME TO KNOWN AS THE OLMSTEAD DECISION, THE IMPORTANT
16 RULING INVOLVED AROUND INDIVIDUALS IN NURSING CARE AND OTHER
17 LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES. THE HIGH COURT DETERMINED THAT
18 INDIVIDUALS IN THESE LONG-TERM FACILITIES HAVE A RIGHT TO LIVE
19 IN THE MOST INTEGRATED SETTING AS POSSIBLE. THE COURT
20 DETERMINED THAT STATE AND FEDERAL MEDI-CAL PROGRAMS HAD A BIAS
21 TOWARD INSTITUTIONAL CARE AND THAT WAS A VIOLATION OF THE
22 A.D.A. IT CHARGED THAT THE STATE SET UP PLANS TO IDENTIFY
23 THOSE IN INSTITUTIONS WHO MIGHT BE BETTER SERVED IN THE
24 COMMUNITY AND PROVIDE THEM THE NECESSARY SUPPORT. DURING THE
25 PAST TEN YEARS, THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES,



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1 THE STATE'S MEDICAID AGENCY, HAS DEVELOPED COMPREHENSIVE
2 PROGRAMS THAT ALLOW SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH SEVERE
3 DISABILITIES TO RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY WITH THE SUPPORTS THEY
4 NEED. THESE PROGRAMS ARE BENEFICIAL IN TWO WAYS. FIRST, THEY
5 ALLOW THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE NURSING HOME TO DETERMINE WHERE
6 AND HOW THEY LIVE AND RECEIVE THE SERVICES. PERHAPS EQUALLY AS
7 IMPORTANT, STUDY AFTER STUDY HAS SHOWN THAT COMMUNITY CARE IS
8 ALMOST ALWAYS LESS EXPENSIVE THAN INSTITUTIONAL CARE. HOW DOES
9 THIS TRANSLATE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOUSING PLAN? IN
10 2007, THE THEN H.U.D. SECRETARY ALFONSO JACKSON, ENCOURAGED
11 LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO ESTABLISH A HOUSING PREFERENCE
12 CLASS FOR PEOPLE IN NURSING HOMES, MUCH LIKE WE NOW HAVE FOR
13 PEOPLE WHO ARE LOS ANGELES RESIDENTS. THIS PREFERENCE CLASS
14 WOULD LEAD TO HOUSING AVAILABILITY FOR THOSE WHO ARE WISHING
15 TO LEAVE THE NURSING HOME AND RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY.
16 CURRENTLY, THERE ARE MORE THAN 32,000 MEDI-CAL RESIDENTS IN
17 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF THESE PEOPLE WOULD
18 LIKE TO RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY GIVE TEN OPPORTUNITY. AS I
19 SAID EARLIER, THERE ARE INCREDIBLE STATEWIDE PROGRAMS THAT
20 WILL PROVIDE THE SERVICE THESE INDIVIDUALS NEED TO LIVE HAPPY
21 AND PRODUCTIVE LIVES. THE PROBLEM IS THAT THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH
22 AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THESE FOLKS.
23 I BELIEVE IT'S THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNTY TO FOLLOW
24 H.U.D.'S RECOMMENDATION AND DEVELOP THIS PREFERENCE CLASS FOR
25 PEOPLE LEAVING A NURSING HOME, AND BY THAT SET IN PLACE THE



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1 MECHANISM THAT WILL ALLOW PEOPLE TO LEAVE LONG-TERM CARE
2 FACILITIES TO RETURN TO THEIR COMMUNITIES, ALL AT THE SAME
3 TIME SAVING INCREDIBLE AMOUNTS OF MONEY FOR STATE AND LOCAL
4 COMMUNITIES. PLEASE ASK OUR HOUSING DEPARTMENT TO AMEND THIS
5 PLAN TO INCLUDE THIS VERY IMPORTANT POPULATION. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SIR. MR. SPIEGEL,
8 PLEASE.

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10 **GREG SPIEGAL:** GOOD MORNING. I'M GREG SPIEGEL WITH INNER CITY
11 LAW CENTER. IF A MOTION WERE TO BECOME-- TO COME BEFORE THE
12 BOARD TODAY TO REINTRODUCE THE FIVE-YEAR EXCLUSION PERIOD AND
13 THE ONE STRIKE AND YOU'RE HOMELESS POLICY, I JUST WANT TO GIVE
14 YOU A FEW REASONS WHY WE THINK YOU SHOULD VOTE AGAINST IT.
15 FIRST, THE MOTION WOULD GIVE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY THE POWER
16 TO EVICT TENANTS FOR ONE MISSED HOUSING INSPECTION. THIS WOULD
17 SATISFY H.U.D. BECAUSE IT WOULD ENSURE THAT HOUSING
18 INSPECTIONS HAPPEN IN A TIMELY WAY. HOWEVER, THE SUPERVISORS
19 ALREADY GAVE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY THIS POWER MORE THAN A YEAR
20 AGO. THE HOUSING AUTHORITY MAKES THIS POINT ON PAGE 4 OF
21 TODAY'S TRANSMITTAL TO THE BOARD. THEY ALREADY HAVE THE
22 AUTHORITY. RATHER THAN ADDRESSING APPOINTMENTS FOR HOUSING
23 INSPECTIONS, THE MOTION WOULD ACTUALLY GIVE THE HOUSING
24 AUTHORITY BROAD POWER TO EVICT FOR MOST ANY APPOINTMENTS OR
25 DEADLINES. H.U.D. HAS NOT MANDATED THESE CHANGES. IN FACT,



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1 H.U.D. OFFICIALS ARE OPPOSED TO THESE CHANGES. IF PASSED,
2 THESE AMENDMENTS WOULD DAMAGE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S STANDING
3 WITH H.U.D. SECOND, THE MOTION WOULD HAMSTRING THE COUNTY'S
4 EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE COST OF HOMELESSNESS. MR. ROGAN'S
5 TRANSMITTAL PAGE 2 SAYS "THERE IS NO FISCAL IMPACT ON THE
6 GENERAL FUND." IT COULDN'T BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH. THE
7 TRUTH IS THAT THIS PROPOSAL WILL PREVENT THE COUNTY FROM EVER
8 USING SECTION 8 TO HOUSE THE MORE THAN 5,000 SERIOUSLY
9 DISABLED AND CHRONICALLY HOMELESS WHO COST THE COUNTY AN
10 AVERAGE OF \$40 MILLION A MONTH, AND \$480 MILLION PER YEAR. IF
11 THE COUNTY USED SECTION 8 TO HOUSE THIS GROUP, IT COULD
12 REALIZE COST AVOIDANCE OF OVER \$240 MILLION A YEAR. THIRD, THE
13 ONE STRIKE AND YOU'RE HOMELESS RULE WOULD CREATE MORE
14 HOMELESS, ESPECIALLY FOR HIGH PUBLIC COST PEOPLE. THE RULE
15 WOULD MOST LIKELY IMPACT FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WITH MENTAL
16 DISABILITIES. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO IMPOSE THE GREATEST
17 COST ON THE COUNTY WHEN HOMELESS. FOURTH AND FINALLY, THE
18 MOTION WOULD UNDERMINE THE COUNTY'S CURRENT EFFORTS TO REDUCE
19 HOMELESSNESS. THE BOARD'S GENERAL RELIEF REFORM EFFORT AND SET
20 ASIDE PROJECTS SUCH AS SUPERVISOR KNABE'S ACCESS TO HOUSING
21 FOR HEALTHCARE AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S SKID ROW FAMILIES
22 DEMONSTRATION PROJECT, WHICH HAVE PROVEN EFFECTIVE IN
23 REALIZING COST AVOIDANCE WOULD BE MADE INEFFECTIVE BY THESE
24 CHANGES. AND IN CLOSING, WE RESPECTFULLY ASK YOU TO OPPOSE
25 THIS MOTION IF IT'S OFFERED AND TO REASSERT THE AGREEMENT WITH



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1 THE COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS TO DISCUSS WHETHER THE COUNTY
2 SHOULD USE SECTION 8 TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS, AND FOR THOSE
3 DISCUSSIONS TO BE FACILITATED BY NEUTRAL AND TRAINED
4 FACILITATORS. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. GAYTAN.

7

8 **FERNANDO GAYTAN:** GOOD MORNING. FERNANDO GAYTAN FROM LEGAL AID
9 FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES. I JOIN MY COLLEAGUES IN OPPOSING
10 ANY MOTION TO INTRODUCE THE TWO MEASURES DISCUSSED HERE TODAY.
11 THE EXPANSION OF THE FIVE YEAR EXCLUSION FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY
12 AS WELL AS THE ONE STRIKE YOU'RE HOMELESS RULE, AS IT'S BEEN
13 DESCRIBED. AS A FRONTLINE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION, LEGAL SERVICES
14 AGENCY SERVING THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND PARTS OF THE COUNTY
15 OF LOS ANGELES, WE SEE FIRST-HAND THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS THAT
16 TERMINATION FROM SECTION 8 CAN HAVE ON A FAMILY. AS THE RULE
17 STANDS TODAY, THERE ARE ALREADY DRASTIC CONSEQUENCES FOR
18 MISSING ONE APPOINTMENT. BY NOT ENSURING CONSISTENT MECHANISMS
19 TO ALLOW FAMILIES TO PRESENT MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES, I'D
20 SUBMIT YOU AS AN EXAMPLE, THE CASE OF ANNA. SHE WAS A CLIENT
21 OF LEGAL AID. SHE WAS AT A SHELTER WHEN SHE APPLIED FOR
22 SECTION 8 HOUSING ASSISTANCE. WHEN SHE FAILED TO SUBMIT SOME
23 PAPERWORK, SHE WAS SENT A NOTICE OF CANCELLATION. SHE QUICKLY
24 WENT TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTED EVIDENCE
25 THAT SHE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER, BUT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY



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1 REFUSED TO ACCEPT THAT DOCUMENTATION. SHE IS NOW PRESUMED TO
2 BE HOMELESS AND VERY ILL AND LEGAL AID CAN NO LONGER GET A
3 HOLD OF HER. WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE CONSIDER REJECTING THE TWO
4 PROPOSALS. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SHIRLEY I'M NOT GOING TO BE
7 ABLE TO PRONOUNCE YOUR LAST NAME.

8

9 **SHIRLEY SANEMATSU:** YOU DID GREAT THE FIRST TIME. GOOD MORNING.
10 MY NAME IS SHIRLEY SANEMATSU, AND I'M A HOUSING ATTORNEY WITH
11 NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. MY CLIENTS
12 ARE THE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO ARE ABLE TO LIVE IN SAFE
13 AND STABLE HOUSING THROUGH THE SECTION 8 RENTAL SUBSIDY. A
14 RECENT CLIENT WHO WE REPRESENTED, WHO I WILL CALL SARAH, ALONG
15 WITH HER TWO CHILDREN AND HER GRANDCHILD, WERE TERMINATED FROM
16 THE SECTION 8 PROGRAM BASED ON ALLEGATIONS OF PAST CRIMINAL
17 ACTIVITY AS WELL AS CONDUCT OF THE CHILDREN. WE INTERVENED ON
18 HER BEHALF AND SHE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY REINSTATED. DURING
19 THE TIME PERIOD, HOWEVER, OF HER TERMINATION, SHE AND HER
20 FAMILY WERE SPLIT APART, THE CHILDREN'S EDUCATION WAS
21 DISRUPTED, THE FAMILY WAS FORCED TO LIVE WITH FAMILY AND
22 FRIENDS, SOMETIMES WITH HOUSEHOLDS OF 14 PEOPLE IN THREE
23 BEDROOMS WHILE SHE WAITED FOR THE REINSTATEMENT OF HER
24 VOUCHER. THESE ARE THE CLIENTS WHO WE SEE WHO ARE BEING
25 TERMINATED FROM THE PROGRAM. YES, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE



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1 PROBLEMS WITH ABUSE OF THE PROGRAM, AND THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS
2 WHO HAVE ABUSED THE PROGRAM, BUT THAT IS NOT WHAT THESE
3 PROPOSED CHANGES THAT WE HAVE SEEN AFFECT AND THEY DO NOT--
4 ARE NOT NARROWLY TAILORED TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES.
5 NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES URGES THE SUPERVISORS TO CONTINUE
6 THE DIALOGUE THAT WE HAVE HAD WITH YOU, YOUR DEPUTIES, WITH
7 MR. ROGAN AND HIS STAFF, AND TO CONTINUE THE CONVERSATIONS
8 THAT WE HAVE HAD TO IMPROVE THE SECTION 8 PROGRAM AND SEE HOW
9 THESE CHANGES AFFECT FAMILIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM
12 IS BEFORE US. THAT COMPLETES PUBLIC COMMENT. SUPERVISOR
13 YAROSLAVSKY?

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THERE A RECOMMENDATION BY THE DEPARTMENT?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** THEY CAN SIT UP HERE IN CASE WE HAVE
18 ANY QUESTIONS.

19

20 **SEAN ROGAN:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. WHAT WE HAVE PROPOSED
21 BEFORE YOU IS THAT AS IT RELATES TO INCREASING THE CRIMINAL
22 BACKGROUND CHECK FROM THREE YEARS TO FIVE YEARS AND THE
23 RECOMMENDATION WHICH SEEKS TO ALLOW FOR TERMINATION FOR A
24 MISSED APPOINTMENT AFTER A COUNSELING SESSION, IS THAT IT IS
25 RECOMMENDED THAT THOSE TWO ITEMS BE CONTINUED UNTIL JULY 27TH



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1 SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO MEET WITH THE VARIOUS GROUPS HERE
2 TODAY AS WELL AS TRY TO CONTINUE A DIALOGUE IN REGARDS TO
3 THOSE TWO ITEMS.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE REST OF THE MATTER WE'D APPROVE IT
6 TODAY?

7

8 **SEAN ROGAN:** YES, SIR.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD SO MOVE.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SO THAT IS THE
13 RECOMMENDATION THAT IS BEFORE US. IS THERE ANY OTHER--
14 SUPERVISOR KNABE?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I JUST WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT. IN REGARDS TO
17 THE ACCESS TO HOUSING AND HEALTH PROGRAM, AS THEY HAVE BEEN
18 MENTIONING, IT'S A VERY SUCCESSFUL SECTION 8 PROGRAM. AND EVEN
19 THOUGH IT'S LESS THAN A YEAR OLD, AS OF FEBRUARY 24TH, THERE
20 WERE 27 PARTICIPANTS. ONLY 23 HAVE NEEDED INSPECTION OR
21 QUALITY STANDARDS APPOINTMENT. AND OUT OF THOSE 23, NONE HAVE
22 BEEN TERMINATED OR NONE HAVE MISSED THEIR APPOINTMENTS. AND I
23 THINK THAT'S DUE TO THE CASE MANAGER AND THE SUCCESS OF THE
24 PROGRAM. AND I WANTED TO SORT OF PUT THAT FOR THE RECORD, AS
25 WELL, TOO. BUT THAT'S MY ONLY COMMENT AT THIS POINT.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANYONE ELSE? IF NOT, IS
3 THERE A SECOND TO THE MOTION? SECONDED BY MYSELF. IS THERE ANY
4 OTHER QUESTION OR COMMENT? IF NOT, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

9

10 **SHIRLEYSANEMATSU:** SUPERVISOR, I'M SORRY. I'D LIKE TO ALSO ASK
11 ON THE RECORD THAT I KNOW THAT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAD ASKED
12 THAT THE PROPOSALS BE PULLED FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN, BUT
13 IN LOOKING AT WHAT HAS BEEN ATTACHED AS A PART OF THE AGENDA,
14 THAT THEY ARE STILL INCLUDED IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN IF I'M
15 NOT MISTAKEN?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** BUT IT'S STILL UNDERSTOOD THAT THESE
18 ARE GOING TO BE PULLED, AND PART OF THE MOTION WAS THAT THEY
19 WOULD BE THE WORKING GROUP THAT'S GOING TO BE UTILIZED.

20

21 **SEAN ROGAN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** SO THAT WILL BE UNDERSTOOD.

24

25 **SHIRLEY SANEMATSU:** JUST WANTED CLARIFICATION, THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. WE ARE NOW ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO.
5 1. THIS IS THE HEARING ON WEED ABATEMENTS REFEREE'S REPORTS TO
6 ABATE NOXIOUS OR DANGEROUS WEEDS, BRUSH, RUBBISH, ET CETERA ON
7 UNIMPROVED PARCELS IN THE COUNTY. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT
8 STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED ON THIS MATTER?
9 THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** NO SPEAKERS AND THERE'S NO REPORT.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
16 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE
17 IS NO OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 2, THIS IS THE HEARING ON BRUSH
20 CLEARANCE REFEREE'S REPORT TO ABATE HAZARDOUS BRUSH, DRY
21 GRASS, WEEDS AND COMBUSTIBLE GROWTH OR FLAMMABLE VEGETATION TO
22 INCLUDE NATIVE AND ORNAMENTAL VEGETATION ON IMPROVED PARCELS
23 IN THE COUNTY. AGAIN, THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT. THERE
24 ARE NO SPEAKERS.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ANY QUESTION OR COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?
2 IF NOT, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY
3 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 3, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
6 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO COUNTY CODE TITLE 4, REVENUE AND
7 FINANCING, TO INCREASE THE PARTIES OF INTEREST NOTIFICATION
8 FEE TO ALLOW THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR TO FULLY RECOVER
9 ACTUAL COSTS FOR NOTIFICATIONS TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND PARTIES
10 OF INTEREST IMPACTED BY THE PUBLIC AUCTION OF TAX-DEFAULTED
11 SECURED PROPERTIES THAT ARE SUBJECT TO THE POWER OF SALE AND
12 INCREASE THE TITLE SEARCH FEE TO ALLOW FULL RECOVERY OF THE
13 ACTUAL COSTS INCURRED BY T.T.C. UNDER A BOARD-APPROVED
14 CONTRACT WITH PACIFIC CORPORATE AND TITLE SERVICES
15 INCORPORATED FOR TITLE INVESTIGATION AND REPORTING SERVICES.
16 THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENTS ON THIS AND NO
17 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. THERE ARE NO PUBLIC SPEAKERS.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. AND WE DO HAVE A REPORT ON
20 THIS OR NOT?

21

22 **MARK SALADINO:** NO, SUPERVISOR. I'M HERE FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ANY QUESTION OR COMMENT FROM OUR
25 MEMBERS? IF NOT-- SUPERVISOR KNABE.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** PART OF THAT VERY SIGNIFICANT 140 PERCENT INCREASE
3 ON THE ONE PARTICULAR FEE, MY STAFF IN MY BRIEFING INDICATED
4 SOMETHING IT WAS LIKE 140 PERCENT INCREASE IN LABOR COSTS.

5

6 **MARK SALADINO:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE NOT BEEN PRIVY TO ANY RAISES IN THE COUNTY
9 THAT HAVE EQUALED 140 PERCENT.

10

11 **MARK SALADINO:** THAT'S TRUE. WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO EXPLAIN THAT?
12 THE EXPLANATION IS, SUPERVISOR, THAT WE'RE INCLUDING MORE
13 COSTS IN THE COST RECOVERY THAN WE HAD THE LAST TIME THAT THE
14 FEE WAS EXAMINED IN 2004-2005. YOU KNOW, GIVEN THE COUNTY'S
15 FISCAL SITUATION, WE ARE REALLY SHARPENING OUR PENCILS AND
16 TRYING TO RECOVER ALL OF THE COSTS THAT WE CAN LEGITIMATELY
17 CAN. AND THERE ARE TWO MAJOR COMPONENTS OF THE 140 PERCENT
18 INCREASE IN LABOR COSTS. THE FIRST THING THAT WE ADDED IS
19 EVERY OTHER YEAR, WE TYPICALLY DO WHAT'S CALLED A SEALED BID
20 SALE, WHICH IS VERY LABOR-INTENSIVE. AND THE COST OF THAT
21 AUCTION, AS I SAID, ARE ABOUT A THIRD OF THE TOTAL INCREASE.
22 THE OTHER LARGE INCREASE IS DUE TO RECOVERY OF LABOR IN OUR
23 BANKRUPTCY UNIT. A LARGE NUMBER OF PARCELS THAT ARE SCHEDULED
24 FOR AUCTION, IF THE OWNER FILES FOR BANKRUPTCY, THEN WE HAVE



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1 TO PROCESS THAT THROUGH THE BANKRUPTCY COURTS. HERETOFORE WE
2 HAVE NOT INCLUDED THOSE COSTS IN THE FEE. BUT WE ADDED THEM.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S PART OF THE 140 PERCENT.

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6 **MARK SALADINO:** AND THAT'S PART OF THE 140 PERCENT, AS WELL.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** I FIGURED EVERYBODY WOULD WANT TO GO WORK FOR YOUR
9 DEPARTMENT. THAT'S WHAT I WAS CONCERNED WITH.

10

11 **MARK SALADINO:** NO. ACTUALLY NEGOTIATED SALARY AND BENEFIT
12 INCREASES ACCOUNTS FOR ABOUT 15 TO 18 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL.

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR
17 COMMENTS? IF NOT, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY
18 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
19 THANK YOU. ITEM NO. 4?

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 4, THIS IS THE HEARING TO GRANT
22 A 15-YEAR PUBLIC UTILITY WATER PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO LLANO DEL
23 RIO WATER COMPANY, A PUBLIC UTILITY CORPORATION THAT MAINTAINS
24 AND OPERATES WATER PIPELINES PROVIDING WATER SERVICE IN THE
25 LLANO UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY TO RENEW THE PUBLIC



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1 UTILITY WATER PIPELINE, EXISTING FRANCHISE RIGHTS LOCATED IN
2 THE LLANO UNINCORPORATED AREA. AGAIN, THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT
3 STATEMENTS, NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED AND THERE ARE NO
4 PUBLIC SPEAKERS.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SO THAT ITEM IS BEFORE US.
7 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.
8 IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAME CHAIR, THAT COMPLETES THE PUBLIC
11 HEARINGS TODAY. AND YOU ARE UP FIRST.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. AND I HAVE HELD NO ITEMS,
14 BUT I DO HAVE SOME ADJOURNMENTS. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE
15 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MONTEBELLO RESIDENT RUBEN MEDRANO.
16 RUBEN WAS A COURAGEOUS INDIVIDUAL WHO ACHIEVED GREAT SUCCESS
17 DESPITE COPING WITH SEVERE PARALYSIS THAT STRUCK HIM IN THE
18 MID 1980S. HE WAS A TOP DIGITAL DESIGNER FOR XEROX CORPORATION
19 FOR OVER 30 YEARS. HE WAS A DEVOTED U.S.C. ALUMNUS AND HE WAS
20 EXTREMELY ACTIVE WITH THE SOCIETY OF HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL
21 ENGINEERS. RUBEN'S COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS AND INSPIRATIONAL
22 SPIRIT TOUCHED COUNTLESS LIVES AND WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR
23 HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO HIS ENTIRE FAMILY AND ALL OF HIS
24 FRIENDS WHO KNEW HIM WELL. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY
25 OF JOSE "PEPE" VICENTE PLANA. THIS IS THE BELOVED FATHER OF



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1 OUR WELL-KNOWN FRIEND AND ACTOR TONY PLANA. WE WANT TO EXTEND
2 OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO TONY AND HIS ENTIRE FAMILY FOR THE
3 LOSS OF HIS FATHER. SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS
4 ADJOURNMENTS. AND THEN SO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WOULD BE
5 NEXT. RIGHT? SO YOUR SPECIALS, SIR.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. MAY I
8 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS? HERBERT M.
9 BLUE, BORN IN KILGORE, TEXAS, ON DECEMBER 23RD, 1920 AND
10 PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY THE 28TH, 2010 AT THE AGE OF 89 YEARS
11 OLD. RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES IN THE 1940S AND WORKED THE
12 FIRESTONE TIRE AND RUBBER COMPANY AS A MILL WORKER AND TRACTOR
13 OPERATOR FOR 36 YEARS. AS AN ACTIVE PARENT, HE COACHED HIS
14 SON'S BASEBALL TEAM KNOWN AS THE BLACK SOX IN 1964. HE WILL BE
15 REMEMBERED FONDLY FOR HIS ENERGY AND SENSE OF HUMOR. HE LEAVES
16 TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS CHILDREN TONY, ROBERT, MARTHA, EMMA,
17 SHALEASE, AND SIBLINGS, LESTER, LEE, CARIE, EVA, AND CLARA,
18 FOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND NUMEROUS NEPHEWS, NIECES, COUSINS AND
19 CARING FRIENDS. EDWARD JOHN CHEETHAM, BORN IN MILWAUKEE,
20 WISCONSIN ON NOVEMBER THE 1ST, 1921, AND PASSED ON FEBRUARY
21 THE 26TH, 2010. HE GRADUATED FROM RIPON COLLEGE IN RIPON,
22 MINNESOTA-- SORRY, WISCONSIN. IN 1943. AND ENLISTED IN THE
23 U.S. ARMY TO FIGHT IN WORLD WAR II AFTER HIS COLLEGE
24 GRADUATION. ONCE HE LEFT THE ARMY, MR. CHEETHAM MOVED TO LOS
25 ANGELES AND OBTAINED HIS TEACHING CREDENTIAL FROM U.C.L.A. HE



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1 LATER EARNED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN EDUCATION FROM CAL STATE
2 L.A. HE WORKED FOR 38 YEARS AS A TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR IN
3 THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. HE WAS ALSO EXTREMELY
4 ENGAGED IN A NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS. HE SERVED AS THE SCOUT
5 MASTER OF TROOP 779 IN WESTCHESTER FROM 1948 TO 1960, HELD
6 MEMBERSHIPS IN THE AIRPORT INTERNATIONAL OPTIMIST'S CLUB,
7 SANTA MONICA ELKS NO. 906 AND THE WESTCHESTER MASONIC LODGE
8 NO. 529. ADDITIONALLY, MR. CHEETHAM SERVED AS TREASURER AND
9 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DURING HIS 50-PLUS YEAR
10 MEMBERSHIP IN THE RAILWAY AND LOCOMOTIVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.
11 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MARY JANE, HIS SIX NEPHEWS, FOUR
12 NIECES, TWO SISTERS-IN-LAW, ONE BROTHER-IN-LAW, HIS MOTHER-IN-
13 LAW AND 15 GREAT NIECES AND NEPHEWS. VONCILE HAWKINS, BORN IN
14 TUNNEL SPRINGS, ALABAMA, ON MARCH 27TH, 1937, AND PASSED AWAY
15 ON MARCH 15TH, 2010 AT THE AGE OF 72. SHE GRADUATED FROM J.F.
16 SHIELDS HIGH SCHOOL IN BEATRICE, ALABAMA AND SHORTLY
17 THEREAFTER RELOCATED TO THE CITY OF CARSON. SHE WORKED FOR
18 HUGHES AIRCRAFT FOR OVER 25 YEARS AND RETIRED FROM THE COMPANY
19 IN 2003. SHE WAS A DEVOTED MEMBER OF THE VICTORY BAPTIST
20 CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES WHERE SHE SERVED ON THE USHER BOARD AND
21 ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL CLUBS. SHE
22 LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER HUSBAND, DAVID HAWKINS, HER
23 CHILDREN, ANGELA, DEVONA AND DAVID, TWO GRANDSONS, DAVID AND
24 DEVON, SEVEN SISTERS, TWO BROTHERS, ONE AUNT AND A HOST OF
25 NIECES, NEPHEWS AND COUSINS, AS WELL AS MANY, MANY FRIENDS.



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1 MS. RENA WASHINGTON, BORN IN MOBILE, ALABAMA, ON JANUARY 8TH,
2 1932 AND PASSED ON MARCH 16TH, 2010. SHE RELOCATED TO LOS
3 ANGELES IN 1951 AND RECEIVED TRAINING AT THE COMPTON COMMUNITY
4 COLLEGE BEFORE PURSUING HER CAREER IN NURSING. SHE WAS A
5 MEMBER OF THE DWELLING PLACE FOUR SQUARE CHURCH FOR 30 YEARS.
6 MISS WASHINGTON WAS ALSO A FOSTER MOTHER WHO TOOK CARE OF MANY
7 CHILDREN, INCLUDING HER OWN, HER NIECES AND NEPHEWS. SHE IS
8 SURVIVED BY HER SISTERS, COMPTON CITY COUNCILWOMAN EMERITUS,
9 DELORES ZURITA AND MILDRED, HER DAUGHTERS, TONJA, TENA, DEBRA,
10 JOY, SHARON AND BRIANA. HER SONS MARK AND JOHN AND HER NIECE,
11 COMPTON SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE SATRA ZURITA AND NUMEROUS OTHER
12 NIECES, NEPHEWS, GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT
13 NIECES AND GREAT NEPHEWS. AND FINALLY, MADAME CHAIR, ROBERT
14 WILLIAMS, JR., BORN ON MARCH THE 13TH, 1922 IN BENTON,
15 LOUISIANA, PASSED ON FEBRUARY 28, 2010 AT THE AGE OF 87. HE
16 ENLISTED IN THE U.S. ARMY IN 1942 AND WAS STATIONED IN THE
17 PHILIPPINES TO FIGHT DURING WORLD WAR II. DURING HIS MILITARY
18 CAREER, HE RECEIVED MANY AWARDS, INCLUDING THE ASIATIC PACIFIC
19 CAMPAIGN MEDAL WITH FOUR BRONZE STARS, THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL
20 AND A VICTORY RIBBON, AMONGST OTHERS. AFTER HE WAS DISCHARGED
21 IN 1946, HE RELOCATED TO CALIFORNIA AND BEGAN TO WORK AT THE
22 TODD SHIPYARDS UNTIL A WORK ACCIDENT IN 1970. HE WAS A
23 DEDICATED MEMBER OF THE GREATER NEW UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH FOR
24 MANY YEARS AND WORKED TO MAINTAIN THE CLEANLINESS OF THE
25 CHURCH FOR ALL VISITORS. HE LATER JOINED LOVE LIFTED ME



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1 MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH AND WORKED WITH HIS WIFE TO BUILD
2 OUTREACH MINISTRIES TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY. HE IS
3 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, AUGUSTA, AND HIS SIBLINGS, JUANITA,
4 ALYCE, JOSEPH AND TERRY. THAT CONCLUDES MY MOTIONS FOR
5 ADJOURNMENT.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS. I
8 APOLOGIZE:

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. AND I
11 WOULD LIKE TO TAKE UP 20-B, WITH YOUR PERMISSION?

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM NO. 20-A. RACHEL? RACHAEL RUIZ? ON
14 20-B? THIS IS 20-B. THAT'S THE ITEM YOU CALLED?

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** B.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, PLEASE COME ON UP. WHO IS RACHAEL
19 RUIZ?

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21 **MARISSA RUIZ:** SORRY. THAT WAS AN ERROR. IT'S ACTUALLY MARISSA.
22 MARISSA RUIZ.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. PLEASE PROCEED.

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1 **MARISSA RUIZ:** FIRST OF ALL I'D LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS
2 FOR HAVING ME HERE AND FOR HEARING THE MOTION. MY NAME IS
3 MARISSA RUIZ AND I AM A CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKER IN THE
4 PASADENA OFFICE. I AM HERE TODAY IN SADNESS. IT IS DIFFICULT
5 FOR ME AND MY COLLEAGUES TO READ THE PAPER AND LEARN ABOUT
6 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WHO ARE SUFFERING. WE THE FRONTLINE
7 WORKERS ARE TAKING THE SITUATION SERIOUSLY AND WORKING
8 COLLECTIVELY TO DEVELOP LONG AND SHORT-TERM SOLUTIONS THAT WE
9 KNOW WILL IMPROVE THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM IN L.A. COUNTY FOR
10 ALL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. WE HAVE BEEN MEETING WITH THE
11 DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AND WITH YOU, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
12 TO DEVELOP PLANS TO MOVE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS FORWARD. WE ARE
13 ALSO RESPONDING TO NEW POLICY DECISIONS AND WANT TO WEIGH IN
14 SO THAT NEW POLICIES DESIGNED TO FIX SYSTEMATIC PROBLEMS WORK
15 AND ARE SUCCESSFUL. WE HAVE A VALUABLE PERSPECTIVE AS SOCIAL
16 WORKERS ON THE FRONTLINE. TODAY THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER A
17 MOTION TO BRING THE MONITORING OF OUT-OF-HOME CARE FACILITIES
18 BACK INTO THE COUNTY'S JURISDICTION. WE THE SOCIAL WORKERS IN
19 S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721 WOULD LIKE TO OFFICIALLY BE A PART OF THE
20 DISCUSSIONS THAT RESULT IN THE 30-DAY AND QUARTERLY REPORT
21 BACKS. WE BELIEVE WE CAN PROVIDE VALUABLE INSIGHT TO THE
22 OVERALL CONCEPT OF ADDING CHILD WELFARE INVESTIGATIVE
23 EXPERTISE BACK INTO THE PROCESS OF ANALYZING A FACILITY'S
24 APPROPRIATENESS. THERE IS A CRISIS IN THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE
25 UNITS RIGHT NOW. THERE IS A BACKLOG OF 6,900 REFERRALS THAT



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1 ARE OVER 30 DAYS, AMOUNTING TO 15,200 CHILDREN WHO ARE
2 LANGUISHING IN THE SYSTEM. OUR FOCUS IS ON HOW TO ELIMINATE
3 THIS BACKLOG IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY POSSIBLE WITHOUT ADDING
4 MORE BURDEN TO THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNITS. WE BELIEVE THAT
5 IF THE COUNTY WORKERS ONCE AGAIN INVESTIGATE FOSTER CARE
6 FAMILY AGENCIES, WE WILL HAVE BETTER CONTROL OF SITUATIONS. WE
7 WILL HAVE IMPROVED ACCESS AND WE WILL KNOW MORE INFORMATION
8 DIRECTLY FROM CHILDREN AND THEIR FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES ABOUT
9 MEDICAL CONDITIONS, POSSIBLE ABUSE, APPOINTMENTS, THERAPY AND
10 OTHER INFORMATION. HAVING DIRECT ACCESS WILL LIKELY STREAMLINE
11 AND FORTIFY THE PROCESS, BUT THIS CANNOT COME AT THE EXPENSE
12 OF THE E.R. UNITS, MEANING WE CANNOT ADD THIS DUTY ON TOP OF
13 AN OVERWHELMING WORKLOAD TO CURRENT E.R. WORKERS. TAKING E.R.
14 SOCIAL WORKERS OUT OF THE FIELD WHERE THEY ARE RESPONDING TO
15 CRISES COULD FURTHER THREATEN THE INTEGRITY OF OUR REFERRAL
16 SYSTEM. AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH IS UTILIZING CURRENT C.S.A.S
17 TAKING ON THIS ROLE. WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THE
18 DEPARTMENT TO EFFECTIVELY REDEPLOY SOCIAL WORKERS TO E.R. TO
19 WORK THROUGH THE BACKLOG. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP THAT WE
20 DON'T WANT TO UNDO. FOR THIS REASON, WE WANT TO BE A KEY
21 PARTNER IN MAKING THIS MOTION SUCCESSFUL, AND WE WANT TO
22 ENSURE SOCIAL WORKERS ARE INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS. THANK YOU.
23
24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. WHAT IS IT THAT
25 YOU DON'T THINK YOU WILL BE INVOLVED IN?



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2 **MARISSA RUIZ:** EXCUSE ME?

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT ISSUES DO YOU NOT THINK THAT YOU
5 WILL BE INVOLVED IN?

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7 **MARISSA RUIZ:** WE'RE NOT SAYING THAT WE DON'T THINK WE'LL BE
8 INVOLVED IN. WE JUST WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. RIGHT NOW, UNDER THE PRESENT
11 PROCESS, ONE OF THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS THAT WE HAVE IS WE HAVE
12 SOCIAL WORKERS THAT DON'T FOLLOW THE APPROPRIATE PROTOCOLS,
13 CORRECT?

14

15 **MARISSA RUIZ:** I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR, COULD YOU REPEAT THE
16 QUESTION?

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE VARIOUS SOCIAL
19 WORKERS WHO DO NOT FOLLOW THE APPROPRIATE PROTOCOLS.

20

21 **MARISSA RUIZ:** WE'RE NOT AWARE OF SOCIAL WORKERS RIGHT NOW WHO
22 ARE--

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** OF COURSE YOU ARE. OF COURSE YOU ARE.
25 IN MANY OF THE CASES THAT WE HAVE FOUND AND WE HAVE WORKED



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1 WITH THE UNION, WE DO NOT HAVE SOCIAL WORKERS FOLLOWING THE
2 APPROPRIATE PROTOCOLS. FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE E.R. AND IN THE
3 HOTLINE, WHEN YOU RECEIVE A HOTLINE CALL, AN ANONYMOUS CALL,
4 IT'S SUPPOSED TO GO INTO THE COMPUTER. AND IT DOESN'T RIGHT
5 NOW ALL OF THE TIME.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** THERE ARE VERY SYSTEMIC PROBLEMS RIGHT NOW--

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** BUT THAT'S NOT A SYSTEMIC PROBLEM. THAT
10 IS A PROBLEM WITH HERE'S THE RULE, HERE'S WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED
11 TO DO, AND THEY'RE NOT DOING IT, WHAT DO WE DO?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT RIGHT NOW, SUPERVISOR.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** BUT THERE IS WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** WELL, WHAT-- WE HAVE AN OVERBURDENED SYSTEM. OUR
18 SOCIAL WORKERS IN THE E.R. ARE OVERBURDENED.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND. THEY MAY BE. BUT IF IN
21 FACT THE RULE IS THAT WHEN YOU GET A PHONE CALL, YOU'RE
22 SUPPOSED TO PUT IT INTO THE COMPUTER, WHAT DO WE DO WHEN THEY
23 DON'T DO THAT? BECAUSE THAT CREATES AN OVERBURDEN ON SOMEBODY
24 ELSE.

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** WHEN THEY DON'T GO TO THE COMPUTER IN A FOLLOW UP, IS
2 THAT WHAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** NO. THEY DON'T EVEN INITIALLY PUT IT IN
5 AS A HOTLINE.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** IF YOU HAVE SPECIFIC CASES--

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE VERY MANY SPECIFIC CASES.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** THAT YOU'D LIKE TO ADDRESS, WELL WE CERTAINLY WANT
12 SOCIAL WORKERS TO BE ABLE TO FOLLOW EVERY PROTOCOL THAT WILL
13 ENSURE CHILD SAFETY. BUT WHAT WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT IS THERE
14 IS A LACK OF RESOURCES THAT IS FACILITATING THAT PROCESS.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND. THE REASON THERE'S A LACK
17 OF RESOURCES IS BECAUSE OUR DEPARTMENT LOOKS SO VERY BAD ON A
18 REGULAR BASIS. AND WHEN WE GO BACK AND LOOK AT THESE THINGS,
19 WE ARE FINDING UNBELIEVABLE ERRORS ON THE PART OF OUR SOCIAL
20 WORKERS WHO ARE NOT FOLLOWING BASIC PROTOCOLS, INCLUDING
21 SUPERVISORS, BY THE WAY. I MEAN, I AM AMAZED AND I'M SHOCKED
22 BY THE NUMBER OF SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES THAT WE HAVE TO
23 GO THROUGH THESE CASES WITH SOCIAL WORKERS, AND CONSTANTLY,
24 CONSTANTLY IT IS AN ERROR OF THE SUPERVISOR OR THE SOCIAL
25 WORKER FOR NOT INPUTTING THAT DATA THAT DOESN'T LET US KNOW.



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1 SO CONSEQUENTLY, THESE MONITORED VISITS, THERE'S NOT ENOUGH
2 INFORMATION IN THE COMPUTER AS TO WHAT ACTUALLY WAS DONE. SO
3 IT'S HARD FOR US TO DISSECT WHETHER IN FACT IT'S TOO MUCH WORK
4 OR TOO LITTLE WORK BECAUSE THE INPUT IS SO LIMITED.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, WE MET WITH YOUR OFFICE AND EVERY OFFICE
7 HERE. AND WE HAD A SERIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** YOU DID.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** TO ADDRESS ANY KINDS OF ISSUES THAT WERE ARISING THAT
12 WE THINK WOULD HELP FACILITATE A MORE EFFICIENT SYSTEM THAT
13 WAS BETTER FUNCTIONING. AND ONE OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS WAS A
14 TRAINING UNIT. AND WHAT WE'VE ALSO FOUND IS THAT THERE ISN'T A
15 PROPER SORT OF VETTING PROCESS WITHIN THE ACADEMY, THE CORE
16 ACADEMY AND ALSO WITH--

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** AN APPROPRIATE VETTING PROCESS FOR THE
19 ACADEMY? I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** WELL ONE OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS IS THAT THE
22 CURRICULUM IN THE CORE ACADEMY BE REVAMPED TO ACTUALLY ASSESS
23 PEOPLE'S ABILITY TO WORK OUT IN THE FIELD, IN THE E.R., OUT ON
24 THE LINES. AND RIGHT NOW, IT'S A VERY THEORETICAL, ACADEMIC
25 CURRICULUM THAT DOES NOT REALLY DETERMINE THE PERSON'S ABILITY



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1 TO BE ABLE TO ACTUALLY CARRY OUT THE WORK OF A SOCIAL WORKER
2 THAT IS A CHILD SAFETY OFFICER JOB.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND. AND I REALLY WISH IT WERE
5 AS DIFFICULT AS THAT.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** IT'S REALLY NOT THAT DIFFICULT.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** NO, BECAUSE WHEN YOU ARE TOLD THAT THIS
10 IS THE PROTOCOL, THAT YOU PUT IT INTO THE COMPUTER AND THEY
11 DON'T DO IT, THAT ISN'T AN ASSESSMENT OF CAPABILITY OR NOT.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** NOBODY IS TRYING TO BE-- NO ONE IS TRYING TO
14 PURPOSEFULLY CIRCUMVENT INPUTTING DATA INTO A SYSTEM. BUT IF
15 YOU ARE OVERLOADED AND OVERWORKED AND YOU'RE TRYING TO GET
16 FROM ONE CHILD TO ANOTHER, THERE WILL BE THINGS THAT FALL
17 THROUGH THE CRACKS. AND THAT IS WHAT WE'RE SAYING.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** I COULD APPRECIATE THAT PART OF IT. BUT
20 I HAVE SEEN MANY OF THESE CASES, AND IT IS SO UNFORTUNATE FOR
21 US THAT WHEN WE KEEP LAYING RULE AFTER RULE, TRAINING AFTER
22 TRAINING WHEN WE DO THESE ASSESSMENTS, WE USUALLY CONCLUDE,
23 UNFORTUNATELY, THAT THE CASE-CARRYING SOCIAL WORKER HAS LET US
24 DOWN BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T FOLLOW BASIC PROTOCOLS. WE HAVE SOME
25 CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT BEING SEEN. IF THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN SEEN,



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1 THEY WOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT THIS CHILD ISN'T PROPERLY FED AND
2 EVENTUALLY DIED. IF IN FACT THEY WERE FOLLOWING UP AND THEY
3 ACTUALLY, EVEN THOUGH THEY SAID IN THE FILE THEY DID IT, THAT
4 THAT CHILD SHOULD HAVE GONE TO A DOCTOR, THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE
5 SEEN THE CHILD. WHEN THEY WRITE ON THERE THAT THE CHILD WAS
6 HAPPY EVERY SINGLE TIME, HAPPY AND PLAYING WITH THEIR TOYS AND
7 YOU SEE THIS WITH 13, IT DOESN'T SEEM AS THOUGH SOMEBODY HAS
8 VISITED THE CHILD. IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY JUST COPIED THE LAST
9 NOTATION AND WROTE THE SAME THING.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** OUR SOCIAL WORKERS WORK VERY HARD IN ENSURING CHILD
12 SAFETY.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THERE ARE SOME SOCIAL WORKERS
15 THAT WORK VERY HARD. I THINK THERE ARE SOME SOCIAL WORKERS
16 THAT ARE JUST NOT FOLLOWING THE PROTOCOLS. I'M VERY CONCERNED
17 ABOUT THIS. I THINK MANY OF US ARE CONCERNED. WE'RE TRYING TO
18 GET TO THE ANSWERS AS TO HOW SOME OF THIS IS DONE OR NOT DONE.
19 BUT IT'S HARD FOR ME FOR YOU TO TELL ME THERE AREN'T THE
20 RESOURCES THERE WHEN I SEE CASE AFTER CASE OF JUST NOT DOING
21 THE DOCUMENTATION. THE REASON THE DOCUMENTATION IS SO
22 ESSENTIAL IS THAT IT'S LIKE NOT DOING THE VISIT. YOU MAY DO
23 THE VISIT AND IT MAY HAVE TAKEN YOU A LONG TIME TO DRIVE THERE
24 AND A LONG TIME TO BE THERE AND A LONG TIME TO ACCESS THE
25 CHILD, BUT IF YOU DON'T DOCUMENT THAT WE DON'T KNOW THAT. SO



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1 OUR ASSUMPTION IS THAT YOU JUST DIDN'T DO IT, NOT THAT IT WAS
2 ALL OF THESE HOURS OF WORK TO GET THAT DONE. I THINK WE NEED
3 TO WORK HAND-IN-HAND ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES, AND I WISH IT
4 WAS JUST A RESOURCE ISSUE. AND THERE IS NO DOUBT OUR
5 RESPONSIBILITY IS TO PROVIDE THOSE RESOURCES. BUT I AM VERY,
6 VERY DISAPPOINTED MOST RECENTLY IN SOME OF THE CASES THAT I
7 HAVE SEEN IN HOW IT IS SOCIAL WORKER ERROR. AND THOSE ERRORS
8 ARE COMPOUNDED AND COMPOUNDED. AND UNFORTUNATELY WE DO NOT
9 FIND OUT UNTIL A CHILD DIES.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** THIS IS WHY WE'RE ASKING TO WORK HAND-IN-HAND ON
12 THESE ISSUES. AND I WANT TO COMMEND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR
13 ADDRESSING THE ISSUES THAT HAVE COME ABOUT IN ADDRESSING THIS
14 MOTION BECAUSE I THINK THERE'S INSIGHT HERE THAT WE CAN'T ADD
15 MORE ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES TO SOCIAL WORKERS BECAUSE THE
16 RESULT IS IT IS TAKING THEM AWAY FROM THE ONE-ON-ONE CONTACT
17 WITH THE CHILD. SO LOOKING AT A MOTION LIKE THIS, THERE'S AN
18 UNDERSTANDING THAT MANAGEMENT POSITIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE
19 POSITIONS ARE THERE TO ENSURE THAT WE'RE CREATING MORE
20 MEASURES OF SAFETY, BUT THAT WE'RE NOT TAKING THE SOCIAL
21 WORKERS AWAY FROM DOING WHAT THEY'RE HIRED TO DO. AND
22 UNFORTUNATELY, SUPERVISOR, THE REALITY, THE PRACTICE IS THAT
23 THAT IS WHAT'S HAPPENING. THEY ARE OVERLOADED WITH POLICY WORK
24 AND PAPERWORK AND TEDIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS THAT DO NOT
25 ALLOW THEM TO ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO FOCUS ON THE CHILD.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT WOULD BE A TEDIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE
3 TASK?

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5 **MARISSA RUIZ:** THE STAFF. THEY ALWAYS ASK FOR-- SOME OF THE
6 THINGS THAT MY SUPERVISORS SAID THAT THERE'S STATS ABOUT
7 EVERYTHING YOU COULD THINK ABOUT IN THE OFFICE. JUST LIKE IF A
8 CHILD IS GOING TO BE COMING OF AGE, MAYBE NEEDING A T.I.L.P.,
9 MY SUPERVISOR HAS TO BE TAKEN AWAY FROM SOMETHING THAT NEEDS
10 TO BE DONE LIKE RIGHT, RIGHT AWAY FOR COURT REPORT THAT NEEDS
11 TO BE ADDRESSED. MAYBE THEY'RE GOING TO BE A 241.1 HEARING,
12 WHICH IS, THEY'RE GOING TO BE--

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S TEDIOUS?

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16 **MARISSA RUIZ:** NO. THAT'S NOT A TEDIOUS TASK. BUT SHE'LL BE
17 TAKEN AWAY FROM THAT.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** TO DO WHAT?

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21 **MARISSA RUIZ:** TO GO DO SOME STATS THAT HAS TO DO WITH, WE NEED
22 INFORMATION ON THE CHILDREN THAT ARE GOING TO BE - THAT NEED
23 OUR 16 OR OLDER THAT NEED TO BE T.I.L.P..

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25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** BUT THAT IS NOT A TEDIOUS TASK, EITHER.



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2 **MARISSA RUIZ:** WELL IT IS IN A SENSE BECAUSE THAT 241.1 NEEDS
3 TO BE ADDRESSED RIGHT AWAY.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT SOMEBODY NEEDS TO
6 FIGURE OUT THE WORK. BUT YOU CAN'T SAY THAT'S A TEDIOUS TASK.
7 EVERYONE WHO IS TURNING 16 NEEDS THAT T.I.L.P. BECAUSE WE NEED
8 TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT CHILD IS GOING TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO
9 BE EMANCIPATED AND THAT HOPEFULLY THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE ALL
10 THE SKILL SET TO AT 18 BE ABLE TO SURVIVE ON THEIR OWN.

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12 **MARISSA RUIZ:** I UNDERSTAND THAT.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** SO IT'S NOT A TEDIOUS TASK.

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16 **MARISSA RUIZ:** WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS THAT THIS NEEDS TO BE
17 ADDRESSED RIGHT AWAY, THE COURT REPORT FOR THIS CHILD.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND.

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21 **MARISSA RUIZ:** AND THAT THING IS LIKE THEY NEED TO BE DONE LIKE
22 RIGHT AWAY.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT YOU CAN UNDERSTAND
25 THAT ALL OF US NEED TO DO A WHOLE LOT OF THINGS AT THE SAME



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1 TIME, OKAY? IF OUR JOB IS TO DO ALL OF THESE THINGS, WE HAVE
2 TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DO IT. YOU DON'T TRY AND DO IT WHEN
3 YOU'RE DOING SOMETHING ELSE. SO I THINK IT'S A MATTER OF
4 MANAGING YOUR WORKLOAD, OKAY? IT MIGHT MEAN THAT YOU MIGHT
5 HAVE TO DO IT SOMETIME IN YOUR DAY AND MAKE TIME FOR IT. THIS
6 IS NOT A TEDIOUS TASK.

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8 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, OUR E.R. WORKERS ARE STAYING UNTIL 11
9 P.M. AT NIGHT, STARTING THEIR DAYS AT 6 IN THE MORNING AND
10 FINISHING AT 11 P.M. AT NIGHT.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** IT DOESN'T MATTER.

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14 **SPEAKER:** THEY ARE MULTITASKING.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** AGAIN, I DON'T KNOW. BECAUSE WHEN I
17 INVESTIGATE THESE CASES, AND I SEE FROM THE VERY BEGINNING
18 THAT IT'S NOT PUT IN THE COMPUTER, THEN WE DON'T KNOW.
19 PARTICULARLY BECAUSE WHEN IT GETS REPORTED AGAIN, WE DIDN'T
20 KNOW THAT THIS CHILD WAS REPORTED BEFORE. SUCH A SIMPLE, BASIC
21 TASK SHOULD NOT BE SOMETHING TO SAY "GEE, I'M BUSY DOING
22 SOMETHING ELSE."

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1 **SPEAKER:** IF THEY'RE BUSY DOING SOMETHING ELSE, IT'S TO ENSURE
2 THAT THIS CHILD IS GETTING THE ATTENTION THAT THEY NEED.
3 UNLESS THERE IS A DIRECTIVE FOR THEM -

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** YOU CAN'T DENY THE OTHER CHILD NEEDS
6 THE ATTENTION AS WELL. SEE, I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS,
7 AND I KNOW YOU ARE, TOO. AND I KEEP ASKING THESE QUESTIONS.
8 WHEN YOU TELL ME THERE'S ALL THIS STUFF YOU HAVE TO DO. I KEEP
9 ASKING WHAT'S THE STUFF? AND THE STUFF IS, LIKE YOU JUST
10 MENTIONED, ONE IS A TEDIOUS TASK. WELL THAT'S NOT A TEDIOUS
11 TASK. IT'S A JOB THAT MUST BE DONE. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE
12 KNOW EVERY FOSTER CHILD WHO IS TURNING 16. WHY? BECAUSE WE
13 HAVE TO PLAN FOR THEIR EMANCIPATION. THAT'S NOT A TEDIOUS
14 TASK. A TEDIOUS TASK MIGHT BE "OH, THE SUPERVISOR CAN'T GO TO
15 THIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON SHOW SHE'S INVITING ME TO
16 GO. IT'S 2-1/2 HOURS FROM MY JOB." THAT'S A TEDIOUS TASK.

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18 **SPEAKER:** WHEN I WAS REFERENCING TEDIOUS TASKS-- WE CAN EVEN
19 PUT YOU ON THIS LIST. THERE IS A POLICY MANAGER AT D.C.F.S.
20 WHO SENDS OUT POLICY REVISIONS CONSTANTLY, ALMOST ON A DAILY
21 BASIS, IN WHICH OUR C.S.W.S AND OUR SUPERVISING SOCIAL WORKERS
22 HAVE TO KEEP UP WITH VARIOUS CHECKLISTS OR CHANGES OR SORT OF
23 PAPERWORK KINDS OF, TASKS THAT INVOLVE PAPERWORK THAT END UP
24 ADDING MORE BUREAUCRATIC LAYERS TO WHAT THEY'RE DOING. AND IT
25 TAKES THEM AWAY --



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** IS THIS TEDIOUS PAPERWORK?

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4 **SPEAKER:** A LOT OF IT IS.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** LIKE WHAT?

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8 **SPEAKER:** WE CAN CERTAINLY FOLLOW UP WITH YOU AND SHOW YOU A
9 LOT OF THIS.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** THE REASON I'M ASKING YOU PUBLICLY IS
12 BECAUSE I'VE ASKED YOU PRIVATELY. AND PRIVATELY I KEEP ASKING:
13 WHAT ARE THESE THINGS? AND I DON'T GET ANY OF THAT
14 INFORMATION. WHAT IS THE PAPERWORK THAT IS TEDIOUS?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** YES, AND WE CAN CERTAINLY-- I MEAN YOUR OWN STAFF IS
17 RESPONSIBLE, SO IN TERMS OF--

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** AND YOU KNOW THAT WE MET ABOUT THIS.

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21 **SPEAKER:** WE HAVE NO PROBLEM DOING THAT.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVEN'T FOUND ANY TEDIOUS PAPERWORK
24 YET. GIVE ME AN EXAMPLE.

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1 **SPEAKER:** THERE ARE, FOR EXAMPLE-- IF YOU LIKE, IF YOU WANT TO
2 BRING OUT YOUR POLICY MANAGER WHO ADDRESSES THIS ON A DAILY
3 BASIS THROUGH THE D.C.F.S. POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE, I DON'T
4 THINK THERE WOULD BE ANY DENYING THAT IT IS-- THAT THEY ARE
5 INUNDATED WITH POLICY CHANGES ON A CONSTANT BASIS. AND IT'S
6 ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP UP WITH THESE KINDS OF CHANGES. BUT
7 PEOPLE TRY TO DO THAT.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** POLICY CHANGES BEING BECAUSE STATE LAWS
10 CHANGE AND COUNTY ORDINANCES CHANGE, BECAUSE THE BOARD MAKES
11 MOTIONS ABOUT HOW TO PROTECT A CHILD. YES, THOSE ARE THE KIND
12 OF POLICY CHANGES THAT KEEP COMING OUT.

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14 **SPEAKER:** BUT IT'S NOT ALWAYS ABOUT PROTECTING A CHILD. A LOT
15 OF IT IS JUST ABOUT ADDING MORE INTERNAL MECHANISMS THAT
16 CREATE SORT OF MORE HOOPS TO JUMP THROUGH BUT DON'T
17 NECESSARILY ACTUALLY ALLOW THE SOCIAL WORKER TO WORK WITH THE
18 CHILD.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH ONE WOULD THAT BE?

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22 **SPEAKER:** TO IMPROVE CHILD SAFETY?

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** COULD YOU GIVE ME AN EXAMPLE OF THAT
25 ONE? ALL RIGHT. WELL WE COULD MEET WITH YOUR OFFICE AGAIN. AND



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1 I'D LIKE YOU MAYBE TO WORK ON THOSE THINGS THAT YOU TELL US
2 THAT ARE TEDIOUS, THAT ARE POLICY THAT TAKE UP SO MUCH TIME.
3 BECAUSE I HAVE A LIST OF THE THINGS THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO BE
4 DONE. AND I HAVE A LIST OF THE THINGS THAT DON'T GET DONE. AND
5 WHEN THEY DON'T GET DONE, WE LOSE A CHILD.

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7 **MARISSA RUIZ:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY
8 SOMETHING.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** SURE.

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12 **MARISSA RUIZ:** I'M A FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND FAMILY
13 MAINTENANCE CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKER. I ALSO DO EMERGENCY
14 RESPONSE ON THE SIDE TO HELP MY COWORKERS. I UNDERSTAND IT'S
15 UNFORTUNATE FOR THESE CHILDREN'S DEATH. FORTUNATELY I HAVE NOT
16 HAD THAT EXPERIENCE. BUT WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IS THAT AT
17 TIMES WE HAVE CASES WHERE WE CALL THEM AND THEY EXPLODE AND WE
18 HAVE TO DEDICATE MOST OF OUR TIME TO THAT CASE. I'VE HAD A
19 CASE WHERE I DEDICATED LIKE THREE WEEKS IN A ROW TO THAT
20 PERSON BECAUSE LIKE I SAID, IT'S BEEN A 241. WE'VE HAD TO GO
21 TO COURT HEARINGS, JUVENILE COURT HEARINGS, AND DEPENDENCY
22 COURT HEARINGS. SO YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT THE CONTEXT. EVERY
23 I'VE DONE THAT, I'VE DONE THE CONTACT. BUT IT ALSO PUTS US
24 BACK ON, YOU KNOW, THE OTHER CASES AND STUFF. SO I UNDERSTAND
25 WHAT YOU'RE SAYING. BUT I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE CASES



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1 THAT COME AND THEY DEDICATE MORE TIME AND WE HAVE TO PUT OUR
2 TIME IN THOSE CASES BECAUSE OTHERWISE WE'RE GOING TO GET
3 SANCTIONED OR IN TROUBLE. AS FAR AS THE E.R., SOMETHING THAT'S
4 SETTING US BACK RIGHT NOW IS THE WARRANTS BECAUSE FIRST OF ALL
5 IT TAKES THREE TO FIVE DAYS TO GET THEM. SECOND OF ALL, LIKE
6 YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT CHILD DEATHS, THE PARENTS NOW GO ONLINE
7 AND THEY'RE ABLE TO KNOW, THEY SAY THEY KNOW THEIR RIGHTS.
8 THEY WON'T LET US THE HOUSE. I KNOW IF IT'S EMERGENT, FROM
9 WHAT I WAS TOLD, WE CAN GO IN. BUT IF THEY HIDE THE CHILD AND
10 THEY DON'T LET US INTERVIEW THE CHILD, THAT CAN CAUSE FURTHER
11 DELAY OF ACTUALLY INVESTIGATING REFERRALS.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** AND THAT'S A PERFECT EXAMPLE, OKAY?
14 THIS IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF WHEN YOU CALL IN YOUR SUPERVISOR
15 ON A CONSTANT BASIS. WHAT I SEE ON THE COMPUTER: VISITED THE
16 HOME. COULD NOT FIND THE CHILD. 20 DAYS LATER, VISITED THE
17 HOME. COULD NOT FIND THE CHILD. 10 DAYS LATER, VISITED THE
18 CHILD, COULD NOT FIND THE CHILD. THERE'S A POINT IN TIME WHERE
19 YOU GO TO THE SUPERVISOR AND SAY: WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING
20 DIFFERENT HERE. SO THE POINT IS THAT THAT PROBLEM SOLVING
21 INVOLVES YOURSELF AND THE SUPERVISOR. THE SAME THING, WHEN A
22 CASE IS TAKING YOU THREE TO FIVE DAYS TO GET DONE BECAUSE YOU
23 HAVE TO GET EVERYTHING PREPARED FOR COURT AND YOU NEED TO DO
24 THAT AND I UNDERSTAND THAT. THIS PROBLEM SOLVING IS NOT
25 OCCURRING. I THINK THAT WE ARE BUREAUCRATIC; SOCIAL WORKERS



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1 ARE BUREAUCRATIC. WE HAVE A TENDENCY TO THINK THAT SOMEWHERE
2 ALONG THE LINE THOSE THINGS ARE GOING TO GET FIXED.
3 SUPERVISORS NEED TO WORK IN CONCERT WITH THE SOCIAL WORKERS TO
4 SAY "OKAY, IF YOU GOT A CASE THAT'S GOING TO TAKE THREE DAYS,
5 THAT MEANS I'M GOING TO HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THOSE OTHER
6 CASES THAT ARE JUST AS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPORTANT." AND THOSE ARE
7 THE ISSUES WE CAN'T WRITE PROTOCOLS FOR. THIS IS WHERE
8 JUDGMENT COMES IN. AND THIS IS WHY YOU WENT TO SOCIAL WORKER
9 SCHOOL FOR ALL OF THESE KINDS OF THINGS, TO USE THIS KIND OF
10 JUDGMENT. NOW, THE POINT IS WHAT WE SEE IS THAT NONE OF THAT
11 IS WRITTEN DOWN IN ANY WAY. AND I JUST THINK THERE SHOULD BE A
12 TOLERANCE LEVEL. WE RAISED THIS THE LAST TIME ON THE COMPUTER
13 SYSTEM. YOU DON'T SEE A CHILD IN THREE VISITS, EXCUSE ME, THAT
14 IS A PROBLEM. I MEAN, AND AGAIN, IF YOU GO AT 12:30 EVERY DAY,
15 THEN GUESS WHAT? IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. YOU MIGHT HAVE
16 INFORM GO AT 7 IN THE MORNING. YOU MIGHT HAVE TO GO AT 10 AT
17 NIGHT. I DON'T SEE THIS. AND I UNDERSTAND AND I APPRECIATE
18 THAT YOU DON'T WORK ALL OF THOSE HOURS. BUT YOU'VE GOT TO FIND
19 A WAY. THAT CHILD MUST BE SEEN. AND ALL WE SEE IS PEOPLE
20 PUTTING IT IN THERE THAT I DID ALL THESE VISITS, TOOK ME ALL
21 THIS TIME TO DRIVE TO CARSON. TOOK ME ALL THIS TIME TO RIDE TO
22 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. AND YET AT THE SAME TIME, THAT IS
23 TEDIOUS AND TIME CONSUMING AND WE COULD HAVE SHORTCUT IT BY
24 TRYING TO FIND A WAY WITH THE SUPERVISOR TO GET TO THAT OFFICE



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1 AND FIND A WAY THAT MAYBE WE COULD SEND SOMEBODY AT 11 O'CLOCK
2 TO VISIT THAT CHILD.

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4 **SPEAKER:** I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, SUPERVISOR. AND WE
5 ALL, WE WANT THE SAME THINGS. WE REALLY DO. SO WE HAVE TO
6 THINK HOW CAN WE DO THIS COLLABORATIVELY WITH OUR BEST
7 THINKING?

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** THAT IS BY WORKING WITH THE
10 SUPERVISORS.

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12 **SPEAKER:** TO ADDRESS?

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** THAT IS BY WORKING WITH YOUR
15 SUPERVISOR. YOUR SUPERVISOR IS IN CHARGE OF THE SOCIAL
16 WORKERS. SOCIAL WORKERS NEED TO GO TO THE SUPERVISOR AT
17 CERTAIN TOLERANCE LEVELS WHEN IN FACT THEY AREN'T GETTING TO
18 GOAL ON SOME OF THESE CASES. JUST GOING OUT AND REPEATING THE
19 SAME THING, GOING AT 12 O'CLOCK EVERY DAY OR EVERY THREE DAYS
20 IS NOT GOING TO GET THERE. I MEAN OBVIOUSLY THEY'RE NOT THERE
21 AT 12 O'CLOCK. YOU NEED TO GO TO THE SUPERVISOR AND SAY "I
22 NEED SOMEBODY TO GO AT 6 IN THE MORNING."

23

24 **SPEAKER:** WELL, ACTUALLY WHAT'S COME ABOUT IN TERMS OF
25 DISCUSSIONS WITH SOME OF THE BOARD OFFICES, WHICH HAS BEEN



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1 VERY HELPFUL AND I WANT TO SAY THAT ALL OF YOUR STAFF HAVE
2 BEEN AMAZING IN TERMS OF TALKING ABOUT THESE ISSUES. AS AN
3 EXAMPLE OF SORT OF THE ISSUE THAT MARISSA BROUGHT UP WITH THE
4 WARRANTS, SOMETHING THAT CAME OUT OF--

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** AND WE FIXED THAT, MORE OR LESS, RIGHT?

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8 **SPEAKER:** I'M SORRY?

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF FIXING THAT?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** WELL, ONE IDEA THAT CAME FROM SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
13 THOMAS'S STAFF WAS PERHAPS DOING VIDEO CONFERENCING SO THAT WE
14 DON'T HAVE OUR SOCIAL WORKERS STANDING IN LINE FOR HOURS AND
15 HOURS JUST WAITING TO GET INTO THE COURTHOUSE. WHICH WHEN WE
16 TALK ABOUT TEDIOUS TASKS, THAT'S AN EXAMPLE OF A TEDIOUS TASK.
17 WASTING YOUR TIME STANDING IN LINE WHEN YOU COULD BE SEEING A
18 CHILD.

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20 **MARISSA RUIZ:** OR WAITING FOR POLICE ENFORCEMENT AND THEY'RE
21 NOT EVEN GOING TO HELP US AT THIS POINT ANYMORE.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** AND THAT'S SOME OF THE THINGS THAT I
24 SAW. CALLING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT KNOWING FULL WELL AND



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1 LEAVING A MESSAGE? THAT'S NOT ENFORCEMENT. I'VE SEEN THAT,
2 TOO.

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4 **SPEAKER:** LEAVING A MESSAGE?

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. I SAW WE CALLED THE POLICE
7 DEPARTMENT AND LEFT A MESSAGE ON THE RECORDING MACHINE. THAT'S
8 NOT CALLING FOR ENFORCEMENT. WE NEED TO FIND A WAY. GO TO YOUR
9 SUPERVISOR AND SAY LOOK, I NEED A POLICE OFFICER TO GO TO THIS
10 HOUSE IMMEDIATELY. LEAVING A MESSAGE. AND A LOT OF CITIES AND
11 A LOT OF COMMUNITIES HAVE THE 911. IT'S A RECORDING. AND YOU
12 JUST GOT TO LEAVE A MESSAGE AND THEY MAY CALL YOU BACK.

13

14 **MARISSA RUIZ:** OKAY, WELL I'VE DEALT WITH POLICE PERSONALLY AND
15 AN E.R. REFERRAL. I DID SEE ALL THE CHILDREN. I WAS ABLE TO
16 TALK TO THEM AFTER TWO HOURS OF TALKING TO THE PARENTS. BUT
17 THE POLICE ALREADY HAVE BRIEFED THE FAMILY AND TOLD THEM THAT
18 THEY HAD NO-- WE HAD NO RIGHTS TALKING TO THEM AND THEY COULD
19 DENY US ENTRY AND DENY US FROM SEEING THE CHILDREN UNLESS WE
20 HAD A WARRANT. BECAUSE THERE IS THIS ONLINE THING. BUT I WAS
21 ABLE TO SEE ALL THE CHILDREN, FORTUNATELY, AND THE PARENTS
22 BECAME COOPERATIVE AS I SPENT MORE TIME WITH THEM. BUT I DON'T
23 LIKE THAT WE DON'T HAVE THAT EVEN, BECAUSE AS SOCIAL WORKERS,
24 WE'RE OUT THERE ON THE LINE AT ANY TIME OF NIGHT, AT ANY TIME
25 OF DAY. AND WE DON'T GO IN PAIRS. WE GO BY OURSELVES. THE ONLY



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1 PROTECTION THAT WE HAVE AGAINST OUR CLIENTS, AS WELL, THAT ARE
2 DYSFUNCTIONAL AND HAVE MENTAL PROBLEMS OR DRUG PROBLEMS IS A
3 CELL PHONE THAT DOESN'T EVEN WORK HALF THE TIME.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND. A CELL PHONE THAT DOESN'T
6 WORK?

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8 **SPEAKER:** OUR SOCIAL WORKERS DON'T HAVE CELL PHONES. THEY'RE
9 NOT ISSUED CELL PHONES. SO THAT'S ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS
10 THAT WE MADE, AS WELL, THAT WE DISCUSSED WITH YOUR STAFF AND
11 OTHERS.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** I REMEMBER THAT. ALL RIGHT, AGAIN,
14 THERE ARE PROTECTIONS. YOU ARE VERY CONSCIENTIOUS IN HOW YOU
15 APPROACH THAT. BUT, AGAIN, WE HAVE TOLD ALL SOCIAL WORKERS NOT
16 TO GO INTO A HOME UNLESS THEY HAVE THAT POLICE PROTECTION IF
17 THEY FEEL IT'S UNSAFE. WE'VE SAID THAT TIME AND TIME AGAIN.
18 THIS IS WHEN YOU HAVE TO WORK WITH A SUPERVISOR ON SOME OF
19 THESE THINGS TO GET GUIDANCE ON IT. AND WE DON'T SEE IT
20 HAPPENING. SO, AGAIN, I KNOW WE CAN COMPLAIN TO EACH OTHER ALL
21 DAY LONG. BUT UNTIL WE WRESTLE THESE ISSUES TOGETHER AND
22 UNFORTUNATELY I'M A LITTLE HOSTILE RIGHT NOW BECAUSE IN SOME
23 OF THE CASES I HAVE SEEN UNFORTUNATELY IN THE LAST WEEK AND A
24 HALF HAVE BEEN THOSE ERRORS. AND IT PAINS ME. IT PAINS ME. AND
25 BELIEVE ME, IT ISN'T JUST ONE SOCIAL WORKER. IT IS A



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1 SUPERVISOR, IT IS ALL OF THOSE FOLKS THAT ARE THERE. SO I
2 DON'T WANT TO SAY ANY MORE. BUT LET'S UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER.
3 WE STILL HAVE-- WE HAVE A JOB TO DO. AND YOU CAN'T COMPLAIN
4 AND SAY "I CAN'T DO IT BECAUSE I'M TOO BUSY DOING OTHER
5 THINGS." UNTIL WE QUANTIFY WHAT ARE THE THINGS THAT YOU'RE
6 SUPPOSED TO DO FOR A CHILD? ALL OF THOSE OTHER THINGS GO BY
7 THE WAYSIDE. IF YOU NEED HELP IN ORGANIZING YOUR DESK AND YOUR
8 DESK DUTIES, I THINK WE NEED TO DO THAT. AND THAT NEEDS TO
9 WORK IN CONCERT WITH THE SUPERVISOR. I APPRECIATE YOUR HELP
10 AND I CERTAINLY WANT YOUR INPUT AS WE MAKE THESE CHANGES, BUT
11 UNDERSTAND THE ACCOUNTABILITY IS A TWO-WAY STREET. AND IT'S
12 NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO SAY "WE HAVE EXTRA PAPERWORK, WE HAVE
13 TEDIOUS THINGS TO DO, WE CAN'T DO ALL OF THESE THINGS."
14 BECAUSE EVERY TIME I ASK FOR THEM AND GET THAT BACK, INCLUDING
15 "WE CAN'T DO THAT, IT'S NOT IN THE M.O.U." WE FIND OUT THERE
16 IS NO SUCH THING. LET'S NOT PLAY GAMES ON SOME OF THIS STUFF.
17

18 **SPEAKER:** I HAVE NOT RECEIVED-- I WAS IN ALL OF THE VISITS THAT
19 WE DID. WE DID NOT RECEIVE A REQUEST. THE REQUEST YOU'RE
20 ASKING FOR CERTAINLY WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO COMPLY WITH. BUT WE
21 DIDN'T RECEIVE A SPECIFIC REQUEST ON WHAT POLICIES ARE-- COULD
22 BE STREAMLINED. BUT WE WOULD CERTAINLY WOULD BE HAPPY TO WORK
23 WITH--
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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE TO TELL YOU, MY VERY FIRST VISIT
2 WITH THE UNION AND THE SOCIAL WORKERS ON THIS SAME THING OF
3 PAPERWORK STARTED IN 1993. OKAY? AND WE WENT THROUGH ALL THE
4 PAPERWORK THAT THEY BROUGHT ME AND EVERYTHING WAS EITHER
5 REQUESTED BY THE STATE, BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, BY THE JUDGE
6 OR BY THE COUNTY. EVEN THE FEDS WANTED SOME PAPERWORK. THERE
7 WAS NOTHING IN THAT FILE THAT I COULD SAY "OH, YOU SHOULDN'T
8 FILL THIS OUT." SO I DON'T KNOW IF THAT HAS CHANGED WAY BACK
9 THEN, BUT I'VE HAD REGULAR MEETINGS ABOUT THIS PAPERWORK
10 STUFF, OKAY? SO I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE NEW STUFF THAT YOU'RE
11 BEING FORCED TO SIGN OR FILL OUT, BUT THE STUFF THAT I WENT
12 THROUGH WAY BACK THEN WAS ALL MANDATORY. AND I CAN'T CHANGE
13 MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** THERE ARE ADDITIONAL LAYERS THAT ARE COMING THAT ARE
16 BEYOND WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THAT ARE SORT OF THE
17 STATUTORY THAT WE THINK COULD BE STREAMLINED MORE EFFECTIVELY.
18 BUT WE CERTAINLY-- WE WANT TO IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE PROTECT
19 OUR CHILDREN. AND IT REALLY-- WE ALL MOURN WHEN WE HEAR ABOUT
20 A CHILD DEATH. ALL OF THE DEPUTIES IN ALL OF THE OFFICES HAVE
21 DONE A WALK A DAY THE IN A SOCIAL WORKER'S CHILDREN, INCLUDING
22 YOUR OWN CHILDREN'S DEPUTY, AND HAVE SEEN THE CHALLENGES THAT
23 COME WITH BEING OUT THERE ON THE FRONT LINES. SO AS YOU'RE
24 SPEAKING, SUPERVISOR, I KNOW THAT IT COMES FROM A GOOD PLACE
25 IN TERMS OF WANTING TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN JUST AS WE WANT TO



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1 PROTECT OUR CHILDREN. AND THIS MOTION WHEN YOU ACTUALLY LOOK
2 AT THE MOTION AND THE RESEARCH THAT WAS DONE JUST TO SORT OF
3 PRESENT THIS MOTION ON THIS SPECIFIC ISSUE, IT REALLY SPEAKS
4 TO THE BACKLOG THAT WE'RE EXPERIENCING WITH ALL THESE CHILDREN
5 STILL IN THE SYSTEM. IT'S FRIGHTENING WHEN YOU SEE HOW HUGE A
6 CASELOAD WE HAVE AND HOW MANY CHILDREN ARE IN THE SYSTEM THAT
7 UNFORTUNATELY END UP LANGUISHING IN THIS SYSTEM BECAUSE WE'RE
8 NOT ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS SOME BASIC KIND OF CHALLENGES.
9 AND THAT'S WHY WE REALLY WANT TO WORK TOGETHER. BECAUSE WE
10 DON'T THINK THAT ANYONE HAS ALL OF THE ANSWERS. AND WE WANT TO
11 TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT ARE SOME INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS AND NOT
12 STRESS, NOT CREATE MORE STRESS ON THE SOCIAL WORKERS THAT ARE
13 ALREADY THERE.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** AND I APPRECIATE THAT YOU WANT TO
16 PARTNER WITH US. BUT WHAT I HAVE SEEN ON AN ONGOING BASIS IS--
17 AND I'M GOING TO REPEAT IT ONE MORE TIME-- IS PEOPLE NOT DOING
18 THEIR JOB WHEN A CHILD DIES, OKAY? AND IT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO
19 TELL ME ON THE DAY THAT A CHILD DIES "I HAD TOO MUCH WORK TO
20 DO, SO I DIDN'T DO IT."

21

22 **SPEAKER:** NO ONE WOULD EVER SAY THAT?

23

24 **MARISSA RUIZ:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO COMMENT
25 WHEN YOU SAID YOU HAVE BEEN HOSTILE AND COMPLAINING, I DON'T



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1 SEE THAT AS THAT. I SEE THAT WE'RE BOTH PROFESSIONALS. WE NEED
2 TO HAVE ROOM FOR CRITICISM SO THEN THE DEPARTMENT CAN GROW AND
3 MAKE IMPROVEMENTS, AS WELL. AND WE APPRECIATE ALL YOUR
4 COMMENTS AND YOUR SUPPORT, AS WELL.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST ADD THAT WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE AT
9 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LEVEL IS TO ENSURE THAT FACILITIES' ABILITY
10 TO PROVIDE THAT GOOD QUALITY CARE. AND IF NOT, WE HAVE THE
11 TOOLS TO REMOVE THAT FACILITY FOR THE CARE OF THAT CHILD TO
12 PROTECT THE CHILD. SO THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I WANTED TO FOCUS
19 ON THIS MATTER IN PART BECAUSE MY CONCERN IS, AS IT WAS A
20 WHILE BACK, RELATED TO THE SYSTEMIC ISSUES THAT ARE YET TO BE
21 FULLY DEALT WITH. A PART OF WHAT IS DESPERATELY NEEDED IS A
22 FOCUS ON OUR CAPACITY TO BE DIAGNOSTIC IN DEALING WITH THESE
23 ISSUES. MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS, YOU WILL RECALL IT WAS LAST
24 YEAR IN AUGUST THAT A MOTION WAS INTRODUCED FOR THE PURPOSE OF
25 TRYING TO FIND OUR WAY TO BEST PRACTICES USING THE



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1 TECHNOLOGICAL TOOLS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO US BY WAY OF OUR
2 DOING THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF DUE DILIGENCE, TO FIND WHAT
3 THOSE TOOLS ARE. I MADE IT CLEAR AT THE TIME THAT I THOUGHT
4 OUR CURRENT TECHNOLOGY LACKED THE CAPACITY THAT IS WARRANTED
5 IN TODAY'S TIME. IT WAS 1995 WHEN F.C.I. WAS FIRST
6 IMPLEMENTED. SUFFICE IT TO SAY IT IS LIGHT YEARS LATER NOW IN
7 TECHNOLOGICAL TERMS. AND, THEREFORE, THE NEED TO MAKE SURE
8 THAT WE HAVE UTILIZED OR ACCESSED THE BEST TECHNOLOGY IS STILL
9 UPON US. THE REQUEST WAS MADE OF THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE TO REPORT
10 BACK TO US ON THAT MATTER. AND I AM WONDERING WHAT THE STATUS
11 OF THAT INFORMATION IS. WE DESERVE TO KNOW WHETHER OR NOT WE
12 ARE USING THE BEST TOOLS. IT IS ONE THING TO BE IN A REACTIVE
13 MODE AFTER A TRAGEDY HAS OCCURRED. IT'S ANOTHER THING TO MAKE
14 AN ASSESSMENT OF WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE THE BEST TOOLS TO DEAL
15 WITH THESE MATTERS DIAGNOSTICALLY AND/OR PREVENTIVELY. AND I'M
16 NOT PERSUADED YET THAT SUCH IS THE CASE. THE MOTION WAS CLEAR.
17 THE RESPONSE HAS NOT BEEN FULFILLED. AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT
18 IT IS LONG OVERDUE AND THE QUESTION TO BE POSED AT THIS POINT
19 IN TIME IS WHY? SO I POSE THAT QUESTION AND AWAIT A RESPONSE
20 HERE AND NOW.

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22 **KATHY HOUSE:** I'M KATHY HOUSE WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE.
23 WE HAVE DONE A LOT OF RESEARCH ON THE DIFFERENT MODELS AND HOW
24 THEY WOULD-- WOULD THEY FIT INTO WHAT WE ARE LEGISLATIVELY
25 ABLE TO DO? AND WE ARE FINALIZING THAT DOCUMENT. WE CHECKED



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1 MANY, MANY SYSTEMS. MOST OF WHICH THE FUNCTIONALITY IN THOSE
2 SYSTEMS WE DO NOT HAVE THE LEGISLATIVE ABILITY AT THIS TIME. I
3 WANTED TO TELL YOU, SUPERVISOR, THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH
4 ASSEMBLYMAN FUHR'S OFFICE. HE WILL INTRODUCE LANGUAGE TO THE
5 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE ON APRIL 23RD THAT AMENDS
6 SOME OF THE LANGUAGE IN SEVEN OF THE CHILD AND WELFARE
7 STATUTES THAT WOULD HELP US BE ABLE TO SHARE INFORMATION. SO
8 THAT SHOULD BE HEARD APRIL 23RD. AND I COMMIT TO YOU THAT WE
9 WILL HAVE THIS MATRIX THAT'S NEARLY READY FOR REVIEW TO YOU--
10 TO YOUR BOARD BY THE END OF THE MONTH. AND IT DEMONSTRATES FOR
11 YOU OR CLEARLY ILLUSTRATES FOR YOU WHICH OF THESE SYSTEMS WE
12 COULD-- OR WHICH FUNCTIONALITIES WE COULD CURRENTLY USE AND
13 WHICH ONES WE ARE PROHIBITED FROM USING.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. I APPRECIATE THAT. I MAINTAIN
16 THAT WE ARE IN SEARCH OF BEST PRACTICES. WITHOUT SUCH, FOR A
17 COUNTY OF THIS SIZE GIVEN THE WORKLOAD OF THE EMPLOYEES,
18 SOCIAL WORKERS AND THE LIKE, WE OUGHT TO BE MUCH MORE
19 TECHNOLOGICALLY SAVVY THAN I THINK WE ARE TODAY. AND I FOR ONE
20 BELIEVE THAT IF WE WERE TO USE THE TOOLS THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN
21 THE MARKETPLACE UNTIL SOMEONE IS SUGGESTING THAT THEY ARE
22 INADEQUATE, I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THIS COULD HELP US WITH
23 RESPECT TO BEING ON THE FRONT SIDE OF SOME OF THESE HORRIFIC
24 CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WE ARE NOW READING ABOUT AND HAVING TO DEAL
25 WITH. THIS IS NOT A MATTER OF JUST TECHNOLOGICAL IMAGINATION.



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1 IT IS NOT A MATTER OF HAVING FANCY BELLS AND WHISTLES. THIS IS
2 A MATTER THAT WILL IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DEPARTMENT
3 AND IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR
4 THOSE IN THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT, EVEN TO THE VERY
5 POINT OF SAVING LIVES. THAT'S WHAT WE OUGHT TO BE ATTENDING
6 TO. AND I AM NOT PERSUADED FOR ONE MOMENT THAT THE TRADITIONAL
7 ARGUMENTS RELATED TO PRIVACY VERSUS SAFETY ARE THOSE THAT
8 APPLY IN THIS INSTANCE. WE'RE WELL PAST THAT, AND WE CAN DO
9 BETTER. AND I'M THINKING THAT THIS IS A SYSTEMIC ISSUE THAT WE
10 HAVE TO CONFRONT. IF WE DON'T, THEN WE HAVE ABDICATED OUR
11 RESPONSIBILITY.

12

13 **KATHY HOUSE:** I UNDERSTAND.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR? FIRST OF ALL, YOU KNOW, THE
16 THING THAT PROMPTED ME TO SPEAK WAS THE COMMENT THAT SUGGESTS
17 THIS IS A REACTIVE-- MR. ANTONOVICH'S MOTION WAS A REACTIVE
18 MOTION. I ACTUALLY THINK IT'S PROACTIVE. THE DEATH THAT THAT
19 WE-- ONE OF THE SEVERAL DEATHS THAT HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF
20 CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION LATELY, THE VIOLA CASE, HAD NOTHING TO
21 DO WITH TECHNOLOGY. THIS WAS A CASE WHERE THE FOSTER HOME, THE
22 FOSTER CARE PROVIDERS THE AGENCY THAT OVERSAW, THAT WAS
23 SUPPOSED TO OVERSEE THESE KIDS, FAILED, FAILED ON THE SPOT.
24 HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE COUNTY'S TECHNOLOGY. THEY WERE THE
25 ONES THAT WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS. THEY WERE THE ONES WHO



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1 HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO GO ON WITH DEFICIENCY AFTER DEFICIENCY.
2 THEY ARE THE ONES THAT ARE PRIMARILY TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE ON
3 THAT ONE CASE. WE CERTAINLY HAVE OUR SHARE OF THE
4 RESPONSIBILITY, AND ONE OF THE SHARES IN THE VIOLA CASE WAS
5 THAT OUR SOCIAL WORKERS DIDN'T MAKE THEIR MONTHLY VISITS AS
6 REQUIRED. THAT'S NOT A TECHNOLOGICAL ISSUE, EITHER. THAT'S AN
7 ISSUE THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA WAS TALKING ABOUT, OF DOING THE
8 JOB. AND IN THAT PARTICULAR HOUSE, THERE WAS A LOCKED ROOM,
9 THAT HAD THERE BEEN ONE OF OUR SOCIAL WORKERS, IF NOT THE
10 FOSTER PROVIDERS' SOCIAL WORKERS, WHO ARE THERE, PRINCIPALLY
11 RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEEING THIS, THEY WOULD HAVE SEEN THE
12 LOCKED ROOM. THEY WOULD HAVE SEEN THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH
13 THIS CHILD WAS LIVING, BUT SINCE NOBODY WAS THERE, NOBODY
14 COULD SEE IT, AT LEAST FROM THE COUNTY'S SIDE. AND THAT'S ALSO
15 NOT A TECHNOLOGY ISSUE. SO I DON'T WANT THIS DIVERSION FROM
16 WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON IN SEVERAL OF OUR FACILITIES-- I HOPE
17 IT'S ONLY SEVERAL OF OUR FACILITIES-- FOSTER CARE FACILITIES
18 THAT ARE UNDER OUR JURISDICTION, BUT WHO ARE RUN BY PRIVATE
19 ENTREPRENEURS WHO DO THIS FOR A LIVING. AND SOME OF THEM ARE
20 NOT DOING WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO. AND I THINK MR.
21 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION IS ATTEMPTING TO ADDRESS THAT
22 CIRCUMSTANCE, WHICH IS ONE ISSUE. AND WE SHOULDN'T BE
23 SIDETRACKED ON THE TECHNOLOGY ISSUE IS A TOTAL OTHER THING. I
24 THINK ALL OF US HAVE BEEN FOCUSED ON THE TECHNOLOGY ISSUE. I
25 DON'T EVEN WANT TO GET INTO A TECHNOLOGY ISSUE TODAY, BUT I



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1 THINK THERE'S BEEN CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS MADE ON THE
2 TECHNOLOGY WE'RE USING NOW IN F.C.I. PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TRAINED
3 AND ARE USING IT.

4

5 **KATHY HOUSE:** ABSOLUTELY, 1,200 PEOPLE TRAINED AND THE HITS
6 HAVE INCREASED I BELIEVE IT'S LIKE 13,000 TO 19,000 IN A
7 MONTH.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT F.C.I WOULDN'T HAVE SOLVED THIS, OR ANY
10 OTHER TECHNOLOGY WOULDN'T HAVE SOLVED THE VIOLA CASE. AND I
11 DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT-- AS MUCH ABOUT THE CASE IN LONG BEACH
12 OVER THE WEEKEND AS I DO-- BUT I DO KNOW A LOT ABOUT VIOLA
13 CASE AND OTHER CASES THAT WE'VE HAD. THIS TENDS TO BE A KNEE
14 JERK REACTION EVERY TIME THERE IS A CASE IS THAT IT COULD BE A
15 TECHNOLOGICAL ISSUE, OR IF WE ONLY WOULD HAVE HAD \$100 MILLION
16 COMPUTER SYSTEM, IT MIGHT HAVE SOLVED IT. IT WOULD NOT HAVE
17 SOLVED IT IN THIS CASE. IT MIGHT HAVE SOLVED SOME OTHER CASES,
18 BUT IT WOULDN'T HAVE SOLVED THIS CASE, BY THE WAY, MOST OF THE
19 CASES WHERE THIS HAS COME UP AS A REACTION, IT WOULDN'T HAVE
20 SOLVED THOSE CASES, EITHER. SO, YEAH, I THINK YOU'RE MOVING,
21 FINALLY, YOU HAVE MOVED, THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE HAVE MOVED SINCE
22 THE LATTER PART OF 2009 AND MOVING FORWARD, AND EVERYTHING
23 THAT I'VE HEARD IS WE'RE GETTING GOOD USE OUT OF IT. I'M
24 LOOKING FORWARD TO THE MATRIX AND TO THE OTHER ANALYSES THAT
25 YOU'RE GOING TO DO.



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2 **KATHY HOUSE:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, ONE THING WE
3 SEE AS A CORRELATION BETWEEN TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION AND
4 CHILD SAFETY IS BEING ABLE TO FREE UP SOCIAL WORKERS WHO WOULD
5 OTHERWISE BE ENGAGED IN MORE-- IN TASKS THAT WOULD TAKE LONGER
6 PERIODS OF TIME, THAT WOULD TAKE THEM AWAY FROM BEING ABLE TO
7 DO MONTHLY VISITS, THAT WOULD ALSO BENEFIT--

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, I KNOW, BUT LET'S NOT START OVER THAT
10 AGAIN. YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT AGAIN, BUT IF YOU HAVE A
11 COMPUTER, YOU'VE GOT TO INPUT STUFF INTO THE COMPUTER. YOU
12 CAN'T NOT INPUT STUFF INTO THE COMPUTER. MISS MOLINA MADE THAT
13 POINT CRYSTAL CLEAR, AND I'M NOT GOING TO REPEAT IT. I JUST
14 ASSOCIATE MYSELF WITH EVERYTHING SHE SAID. AT THE END OF THE
15 DAY, IT'S ABOUT HARD WORK. IT'S ABOUT COMMON SENSE. IT'S ABOUT
16 DOING THE THINGS THAT YOU NEED TO DO TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU'RE
17 POSITIONING YOURSELF SO YOU DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM AT 5 O'CLOCK
18 WHEN YOU INVEST FIVE SECONDS OF YOUR TIME AT 10 O'CLOCK. IT'S
19 A TOUGH JOB. NOBODY IS GOING TO ARGUE WITH THAT. SOCIAL WORK
20 IS A VERY TOUGH JOB. DEALING WITH PEOPLE IN ANY ENVIRONMENT IS
21 A TOUGH JOB. ESPECIALLY IN THIS ENVIRONMENT, IT'S DOUBLY SO.
22 BUT, YOU KNOW, AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE FACTS HAVE TO
23 DICTATE. I HOPE WE'LL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY IN CLOSED SESSION TO
24 GO OVER SOME OF THIS STUFF IN SOME DETAIL.

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1 **KATHY HOUSE:** ONE THING COULD HELP WITH THE REPORTING IS VOICE
2 RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY SORT OF
3 PUT OUT ON THE TABLE AS FAR AS HELPING WITH REPORTING. AND I
4 THINK THAT'S THE KIND OF THING THAT COULD HELP CREATE MORE
5 EFFICIENCIES IN THE SYSTEM. SO WE'RE NOT TRYING TO MAKE
6 EXCUSES FOR-- IF SOMEONE'S NOT DOING THEIR JOB, THEN WE'RE NOT
7 TRYING TO MAKE AN EXCUSE FOR THAT. WE'RE JUST TRYING TO FIND
8 BETTER WAYS OF GETTING THE WORK DONE AND PROTECTING THE
9 CHILDREN. AND YOU'RE RIGHT. IT A VERY HARD JOB. AND THERE ARE
10 THINGS THAT HAVE TO BE DONE. SO WE JUST WANT TO, YOU KNOW,
11 FIND BEST WAYS OF DOING ALL OF THAT SO THAT WE'RE ALL
12 MAXIMIZING OUR SUCCESS TOGETHER.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. MAY I SAY THE
17 FOLLOWING? THE REFERENCE TO SIDE TRACKING AND GETTING OFF
18 POINT I TAKE FULL EXCEPTION TO. THIS IS THE HEART OF THE
19 MATTER AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED. I MAKE NO CLAIMS THAT THIS IS
20 AN EXHAUSTIVE SOLUTION. BUT THE PUSH BACK ON THE USE OF THE
21 BEST RESOURCES AT OUR DISPOSAL TO HELP US DEAL WITH OUR
22 OVERALL MISSION I REJECT OUT OF HAND. THE FACT OF THE MATTER
23 IS I MAKE NO PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS AS TO WHAT THE TECHNOLOGY
24 CAN OR CANNOT DO. BUT I WANT TO SAY IT IS CONCEIVABLE TO ME IN
25 THIS INSTANCE THAT IF WE HAD THE PROPER TOOLS, WE WOULD BE



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1 ABLE TO SEE WHAT THOSE PROVIDERS ARE DOING AND BE ABLE TO
2 TRACK THEM IN SUCH A WAY THAT WE'D KNOW THAT THERE WERE
3 PROBLEMS THAT DIDN'T SEEM TO SURFACE UNTIL AFTER THE FACT. AND
4 I'M SUGGESTING THAT THE PROPER TECHNOLOGICAL TOOLS DO
5 DIAGNOSTIC HUNTS AND WE KNOW WITH WHAT WE ARE DEALING AND
6 THEREFORE THE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE APPROPRIATE SYSTEMS
7 SETS OFF THE APPROPRIATE ALARMS AND ALERTS SO THAT THAT
8 PARTICULAR PROVIDER CAN BE DEALT WITH APPROPRIATELY. AND IF
9 YOU DON'T THINK THAT THAT'S HELPFUL, THEN ANSWER THE QUESTION:
10 HOW, THEN, CAN WE PREVENT IN A MORE EFFECTIVE WAY THESE
11 HORRIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES OF CHILD DEATHS? AND SO DON'T THINK
12 NARROWLY ABOUT TECHNOLOGY. THINK BROADLY. DON'T TRY TO INSERT
13 THAT THERE'S A COST THAT IS RIDICULOUSLY HIGH. I DON'T KNOW
14 THAT. BUT I DO KNOW THAT THAT BEST PRACTICES ARE THOSE THINGS
15 TO WHICH WE OUGHT TO REACH RATHER THAN SETTling FOR WHAT WE
16 HAVE AND THE UTILIZATION OF TECHNOLOGY THAT IS CLEARLY
17 OUTDATED, LESS USER FRIENDLY THAN WHAT COULD BE THE CASE. I
18 TAKE NOTE OF THE FCT, AFTER A PUSH FROM THE BOARD, F.C.I. HAS
19 BEEN USED MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN IT HAD BEEN PRIOR TO THAT. BUT
20 I WOULD SAY WITHOUT FEAR OF CONTRADICTION, WE CAN AND SHOULD
21 DO BETTER.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. AGAIN, I THINK IT WOULD BE
24 WORTHWHILE. I SAT WITH THE TECHNOLOGY PEOPLE. I AM IMPRESSED
25 WITH THE TECHNOLOGY. BUT IT DOES REQUIRE SOME JIGGLING HERE



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1 AND THERE. BUT ONE OF THE THINGS WE DO KNOW: IT WON'T WORK IF
2 YOU DON'T PUT IN THE NAME.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S RIGHT.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** AND THAT'S A HAND JOB.

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8 **KATHY HOUSE:** I DIDN'T HEAR.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** IT DOESN'T WORK UNLESS YOU INPUT THE
11 NAMES IN. AND THAT IS A MATTER OF CLICKING IN THERE AND
12 PUTTING THOSE NAMES IN THERE. RIGHT?

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THERE ARE SOME SYSTEMS THAT ARE MORE USER
15 FRIENDLY THAN OTHERS, MADAME CHAIR. AND THAT'S THE EXTENT OF
16 WHAT I'M ENCOURAGING US TO EXPLORE.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** WELL SO FAR IT'S SIMPLE. IT'S A
19 KEYBOARD AND AN INPUT BUTTON. SO FAR.

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21 **KATHY HOUSE:** ACTUALLY THE VOICE RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY, IT
22 ACTUALLY INPUTS. I DON'T KNOW ALL THE SPECIFICS OF IT.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND. THERE'S A HIGHER
25 TECHNOLOGY WHERE EVEN THE MIND COULD PUT IT IN, BUT RIGHT NOW



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1 IT'S PRETTY SIMPLE. IT IS CALLED A KEYBOARD AND INPUT BUTTON.
2 AND IT'S VERY SIMPLE TO DO. AND SO FAR SOME OF THOSE ERRORS
3 HAVE BEEN THAT IT WAS NOT INPUT INTO THE COMPUTER. SO WHEN WE
4 LOOK AT THE CASE, IT'S NOT THERE. SO IT'S HARD SOMETIMES TO
5 SAY WE'VE GOT TO GET NEW TECHNOLOGY BECAUSE THE TECHNOLOGY IS
6 ONLY AS GOOD AS THE PEOPLE WHO UTILIZE IT AND MAKE USE OF IT.
7 AND THAT'S STILL MISSING SOMETIMES. ALL RIGHT. ANYTHING ELSE?
8 ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. IT IS MR. ANTONOVICH'S
9 MOTION. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CAN I SECOND IT?

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** SECONDED. THERE IS NO OBJECTION. SO
14 ORDERED. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, IF I MAY PROCEED? THE BOARD
19 REPORT 17 AND 19, MADAME CHAIR?

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** YES, SIR.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND I SUSPECT THERE ARE REPORTS FROM THE
24 C.E.O. ON ITEM 17 RELATING TO PROBATION IN THE FIRST INSTANCE
25 AND THE FUNDING OF THE ARTS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM ON THE INSTANCE



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1 OF ITEM 19. WITH RESPECT TO ITEM 17, I TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT
2 THAT THE C.E.O.'S REPORT OF MARCH THE 15TH SUGGESTED THAT THE
3 OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW INCLUDE THE NEED FOR MORE
4 INVESTIGATORS, INCLUDING TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE, STAFFING
5 LEVELS, CASELOAD RATIOS, AND RESOURCE LEVELS. AND THE SECOND
6 THING IN THE REPORT INDICATED THAT THERE SHOULD BE METHODS FOR
7 STRENGTHENING THE CHILD ABUSE SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT AND
8 THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNITS INVESTIGATIVE CAPACITY. AND I THINK
9 WE ARE IN LARGE MEASURE ON THE SAME PAGE, BUT MADAME CHAIR THE
10 C.E.O.'S REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE, PURSUANT TO MY ORIGINAL
11 MOTION, THAT THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW, WORKING WITH
12 THE ACTING CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER AND THE C.E.O.S AS WELL AS
13 COUNTY COUNSEL TO CONDUCT THE APPROPRIATE REVIEW OF THE
14 PROTOCOLS NECESSARY TO PREVENT INCIDENTS OF ABUSE BETWEEN
15 PROBATION DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL AND MINORS TO COMMENCE
16 IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF THE O.I.R. WRITTEN REPORT AND
17 WOULD DETAIL WHAT'S IMPORTANT HERE BECAUSE IF WE'RE GOING TO
18 BE COMPREHENSIVE IN OUR APPROACH, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT
19 THIS IS AN APPROPRIATE MATTER TO BE RE-VISITED AFTER THE FIRST
20 TWO POINTS OF THE C.E.O.'S REPORT WOULD BE ADOPTED. AND I
21 WOULD OFFER THAT FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL SECOND:

24
25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE MINE NOW.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** GO AHEAD.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I SECOND MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION AND I
9 WANT TO ADD ONE MORE THAT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ITEM AND
10 I'LL JUST READ THE RESOLVE. AND MR. ANTONOVICH AND I TOGETHER
11 ARE INTRODUCING THIS AS AN AMENDMENT: WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT
12 THE INTERIM PROBATION CHIEF CAL REMINGTON BE INSTRUCTED TO
13 PROVIDE THIS BOARD WITH A WRITTEN REPORT WITHIN 60 DAYS
14 FOLLOWING A CHANGED APPOINTMENT TO ASSUMPTION OF DUTIES BY DON
15 BLEVINS AS CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER, DETAILING MR. REMINGTON'S
16 ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE OVERALL
17 MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT INCLUDING HIS
18 ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS INTO THE JUVENILE HALLS, CAMPS
19 AND ONGOING PROGRAMMATIC AND EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS THEREIN.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S FINE.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. I HAVE ANOTHER ONE. I'M
24 GOING TO MOVE THAT THE C.E.O., THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND THE
25 PROBATION DEPARTMENT CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE FISCAL REVIEW



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1 WHICH INCLUDES ANALYZING PROBATION'S BUDGETED REVENUE AND
2 EXPENDITURES WITH ACTUALS TO DETERMINE THE STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS
3 OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET AND ANY OTHER OTHER
4 ONGOING PROBLEMS THAT COULD POTENTIALLY AFFECT THE COUNTY'S
5 2010-11 BUDGET. THIS REVIEW SHOULD ALSO IDENTIFY CRITICAL
6 AREAS, BUDGETARY OR PROGRAMMATIC, THAT NEED IMMEDIATE
7 ATTENTION IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH THE INFORMATION
8 NECESSARY TO PROPERLY DEVELOP A 2010-11 PROBATION DEPARTMENT
9 BUDGET. THIS REPORT SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITHIN 30 DAYS.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SECOND.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SECOND.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE
16 ANYBODY WANTS TO ADD? IF NOT, THE ITEM, AS AMENDED, IS BEFORE
17 US. IT'S BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY
18 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITH ALL THE AMENDMENTS. IF THERE'S NO
19 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. MY FINAL ITEM IS
22 ITEM 19.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** OH, I'M SORRY. I HAD MR. SACHS. HE'S
25 OUT THERE. I APOLOGIZE. SO WE'LL HAVE RECONSIDERATION OF THAT



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1 ITEM BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
2 YAROSLAVSKY. ITEM 17 IS BACK ON THE TABLE SO WE CAN HEAR MR.
3 SACHS' COMMENTS.

4

5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. SUPERVISORS. ARNOLD
6 SACHS. ITEM 17. I WOULD TAKE ITEM 17, BASICALLY, ITEM 8 AND
7 ITEM 12 TOGETHER ALONG WITH PART OF YOUR 20-B,

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** LET'S DO THAT.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** BECAUSE IT JUST SEEMS TO BE A SYSTEMATIC PROBLEM
12 HERE WHERE YOU HAVE THESE DIFFERENT AGENCIES COME TO FORE OR
13 MAKE HEADLINE NEWS IN THE L.A. TIMES OR THE DAILY BREEZE THE
14 LONG BEACH TRIBUNE PROBATION, D.H.S., D.C.H.F., THE MEDICAL
15 STAFF, YOU HAD MEDICAL STAFF PROBLEMS MEETING REQUIREMENTS AT
16 M.L.K. MY SUGGESTION IS TO CHANGE YOUR PRESENTATIONS TO A
17 QUARTERLY BASIS. COUNTY PRESENTATIONS YOU DO EVERY WEEK.
18 CHANGE THOSE TO A QUARTERLY BASIS AND HAVE HEARINGS HERE EVERY
19 WEEK ON THE STANDARDS-- ON THE STANDING AND THE STATUS OF
20 THESE DEPARTMENTS. BECAUSE AS I SAID, THERE IS A SYSTEMATIC
21 FAILURE, IT SEEMS LIKE, IN EVERY DEPARTMENT EVERY WEEK WE'RE
22 READING ABOUT ANOTHER CATASTROPHE. JUST HEARING SOME OF THE
23 COMMENTS REGARDING, AGAIN, WITH THE D.C.F.S., THE FACT THAT
24 THEY HAVE TO APPEAR IN FRONT OF COURTS, SO THE SHUTTING DOWN
25 OF COURTROOMS, HOW WILL THAT AVALANCHE INTO THE D.C.F.S.



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1 PROGRAM? YOU KNOW, WHEN THEY SHUT DOWN THESE BECAUSE OF THE
2 BUDGET CRISIS, WHEN THEY SHUT THE COURTS DOWN, HOW WILL THAT
3 AFFECT HEARINGS? HOW WILL THAT AFFECT THESE MUNDANE TASKS THAT
4 NEED TO BE ACCOMPLISHED? IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO HAVE
5 THIS TSUNAMI, THIS-- IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S A DROUGHT. AND ALL OF
6 A SUDDEN ALL THESE PROBLEMS ARE COMING TO A HEAD THAT HAVE
7 BEEN IN THE SYSTEM. THERE IS NO PROGRAM. OR THERE IS NUMEROUS
8 PEOPLE TO COME UP FRONT HERE THAT SAY IT'S NOT A SHARING OF
9 DETAILS. IT'S EPIDEMIC. AND THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME KIND OF
10 ACCOUNTABILITY FROM THIS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO THIS
11 INSTEAD OF JUST SAYING WE HEAR THESE PROBLEMS BUT WE DON'T GET
12 THEM ADDRESSED. I HEAR RULES AND TRAININGS NEED TO BE
13 ACCOMPLISHED, BUT THERE'S NO REPERCUSSIONS FOR NOT FOLLOWING
14 THE RULE AND TRAINING EXCEPT PUBLIC FAILURE, OR FAILURE FOR
15 PUBLIC SERVICE. WHAT ARE THE REPERCUSSIONS HERE? WHY ISN'T
16 EVERY WEEK SOMETHING BROUGHT UP HERE IN YOUR CHAMBERS
17 REGARDING THIS INCESSANT FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES AND THE
18 TRAINING THAT IS OFFERED BY THE COUNTY. IT SHOULD BE DONE
19 EVERY WEEK AND IT SHOULD BE PRESENTED SO THE PUBLIC IS AWARE
20 OF IT. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. OKAY. ON THOSE ITEMS, THOSE
23 ARE ALL OF THEM. 8, 14, 16 AS WELL AS 17. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
24 RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S
25 NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THOSE ITEMS. NOT YET.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. THEN MY FINAL
3 ITEM IS THE C.E.O.'S REPORT ON ITEM 19.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 19.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE LEARNED FROM THE C.E.O. THAT THE
8 PROPOSAL THAT WE WERE PREPARED TO CONSIDER FROM SUPERVISOR
9 KNABE TO HAVE A LOAN INSTEAD OF OUR MAKING ALLOCATION DID NOT
10 WORK. THE MOTION BEFORE YOU DETAILS THE IMPACT ON OUR
11 RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS WITH REGARD TO THE ARTS INTERNSHIP
12 PROGRAM. AND WE'VE MADE IT RATHER CLEAR THAT THIS IS AN
13 IMPORTANT PROGRAM FOR A HOST OF REASONS, NOT THE LEAST OF
14 WHICH IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE LEADERS IN THE ARTS, THE
15 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF BENEFITS THAT HAS BEEN THE CULTURAL
16 AGENDA OF OUR COUNTY. THIS IS MY VIEW HIGH TIME. MR.
17 YAROSLAVSKY AND I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS OVER AND OVER AGAIN, ARE
18 COMMITTED TO IT. AND I WOULD JUST HOPE THAT WE COULD GARNER
19 THE REQUISITE VOTES TO MOVE THIS ITEM FORWARD. IT'S \$250,000
20 FROM THE PROVISIONAL FINANCING USES. AND I THINK WE OUGHT TO
21 DO THAT RATHER IMMEDIATELY. AND I WOULD SO MOVE.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** SECOND.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND
2 SECONDED. I GUESS AFTER SIX TIMES, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU
3 MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE. SO NOW, YOU'RE CONTINUING TO TAKE THE
4 P.F.U. MONEY TO HAVE PAID INTERNSHIPS.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CORRECT.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** YOU KNOW, IT'S AMAZING.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, WE MANAGED TO FIND AND
11 APPROVE \$14 MILLION FOR THE L.A. OPERA. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT
12 IT'S REASONABLE TO BE ABLE TO FIND \$250,000 FOR AN INTERNSHIP
13 PROGRAM. AND I VOTED FOR BOTH.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** I AGREE. AND THE OPERA WAS A LOAN AS
16 THIS ONE SHOULD NOT BE.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE OPERA WAS NOT A LOAN. IT WAS A GUARANTEE
19 OF A LOAN.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND THERE'S TYPICALLY--

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOT THAT THIS ISN'T NEED BE AND THINGS. BUT AGAIN
24 WE'VE TRIED EVERY SINGLE WAY. ALL RIGHT. WHEN WE START THIS
25 PROCESS OF ELIMINATING PROGRAMS, WE'RE GOING TO BE REMINDED OF



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1 THIS ON A REGULAR BASIS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I CAN DO IN EVERY
2 SINGLE EFFORT TO TELL YOU THAT THESE INTERNSHIPS ARE VALUABLE
3 BUT THEY CAN GO THIS YEAR UNPAID. BECAUSE WE CAN MAKE SURE
4 THAT THOSE ARTS ORGANIZATIONS ARE GOING TO GET THAT
5 ASSISTANCE. AGAIN, THE REASON THAT THOSE COLLEGE INTERNS
6 CANNOT QUALIFY FOR THE T.A.N.F. IS BECAUSE USUALLY THEIR
7 PARENTS MAKE MORE MONEY THAN TO QUALIFY. I'M NOT SAYING
8 THEY'RE NOT NEEDY. EVERYBODY NEEDS A SUMMER JOB. EVERYBODY
9 NEEDS A PAID INTERNSHIP.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, WE FOUND THAT THE T.A.N.F.
12 PROGRAM AFTER EXHAUSTING IT WAS JUST NOT APPLICABLE IN TERMS
13 OF ITS UTILITY ON THE ARTS.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH FACILITY COULDN'T FIND A T.A.N.F.
16 WORKER?

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S NOT THE QUESTION OF A SPECIFIC
19 FACILITY THAT COULDN'T FIND IT. THE OVERALL STRUCTURE OF
20 T.A.N.F. AS IT RELATES TO OUR REPORT BACK FROM THE C.E.O., WE
21 THOUGHT IT COULD WORK. IT IS JUST NOT AN APPROPRIATE MATCH.
22 AND WHEN I SAY APPROPRIATE, I DON'T MEAN IN TERMS OF
23 LEGALITIES SO MUCH AS IT IS. IT'S JUST NOT THE FIT THAT WE
24 THOUGHT THAT IT COULD IN FACT BE TO RESOLVE SOME OF THE



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1 OVERARCHING ISSUES TO KEEP THIS PROGRAM SUSTAINED. I WOULD
2 CLOSE ON THE POINT--

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT WOULD NOT BE THE FIT? THE C.E.O.
5 FOUND THAT?

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE HAS MADE THAT CLEAR IN
8 MORE THAN ONE INSTANCE. MR. FUJIOKA?

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10 **ELLEN SANDT:** ELLEN SANDT WITH THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** I CAN'T HEAR YOU.

13

14 **ELLEN SANDT:** ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT WE RAN INTO IS THAT
15 STUDENTS WHO ARE GETTING OTHER KINDS OF GRANTS FOR COLLEGE, IF
16 THEY GET A T.A.N.F.-FUNDED JOB, THEN THEIR OTHER GRANTS ARE
17 REDUCED ACCORDINGLY. SO IT HAD AN IMPACT ON THEM FROM A
18 FINANCIAL STANDPOINT.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AN ADVERSE IMPACT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** AGAIN, NOT ALL OF THEM ARE STUDENTS.
23 MANY OF THESE T.A.N.F. WORKERS ARE WORKING MOMMIES, OKAY? WHO
24 LOST THEIR JOB AND MAY HAVE USED IT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK
25 IN AN ARTS ORGANIZATION AND TO LEARN A SKILL SET THAT MIGHT BE



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1 VALUABLE IN GETTING A JOB. AGAIN, IT MAY NOT LEAD TO A DEGREE.
2 BUT AN ARTS EDUCATION OR ARTS INFORMATION OR WORKING FOR AN
3 ARTS AGENCY IS A JOB.

4

5 **ELLEN SANDT:** AND THOSE THEY ARE PURSUING, THEY'VE PLACE THE
6 ABOUT 30 T.A.N.F. WORKERS.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND. SO WHY WOULDN'T IT WORK
9 FOR EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THOSE? IF WE TURNED THE INTERNSHIPS
10 INSTEAD OF JUST PAID STUDENT INTERNS, THE STUDENT INTERNS
11 COULD CONTINUE. IT JUST WOULD BE AN UNPAID INTERNSHIP. WHAT'S
12 THE PROBLEM THERE?

13

14 **ELLEN SANDT:** THAT WAS ACTUALLY ONE OF OUR ORIGINAL
15 RECOMMENDATIONS IS THAT THEY BE UNPAID INTERNSHIPS, BUT EVEN
16 BETTER WE THINK WOULD BE TAKING THE TIME AND EFFORT TO DEVELOP
17 AN INTERNSHIP FOR CREDIT PROGRAM. BUT THAT'S A LITTLE BIT
18 LONGER-TERM SOLUTION. WE CAN'T DO THAT IN TIME FOR THE COMING
19 YEAR.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, AGAIN, THESE ARE ALL THINGS THAT
22 THE COMMISSION SHOULD HAVE LOOKED AT AT THE VERY BEGINNING.
23 THEY WERE INFORMED LAST YEAR ABOUT THIS TIME LAST YEAR. WE
24 FUNDED THEIR PROGRAM FOR THAT SUMMER. AND WE TOLD THEM: "WE
25 ARE NOT GOING TO HAVE THE DOLLARS NECESSARY TO FUND YOU." WE



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1 TOLD THEM. WE SAID, "YOU SHOULD GO OUT AND LOOK FOR GRANTS."
2 THEY REPORTED TO US NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, NOBODY WOULD GIVE THEM
3 ANY MONEY. WE ASKED WHO THEY ASKED. THEY HAD VERY FEW NAMES
4 THAT THEY ASKED. IT SEEMED LIKE NOT A LOT OF EFFORT. THEN WE
5 STARTED ASKING THEM TO LOOK AT THE T.A.N.F. WORKERS TO SEE IF
6 THERE WAS A MATCH THAT WOULD WORK. THEY HAD A WORKSHOP IN
7 WHICH 12 ARTS ORGANIZATIONS CAME. NOT ALL OF THEM. REALLY A
8 SHAME. WE GOT ON THE PHONE. WE CALLED EVERYBODY, INCLUDING
9 STEVEN ROUNTREE ACROSS THE STREET AND SAID, "COULD YOU DO
10 THIS?" HE SAID, "ABSOLUTELY. WE CAN USE THESE WORKERS." ALL
11 WE'RE SAYING IS THAT, AGAIN, THE ECONOMY IS VERY BAD. WE HAVE
12 A LOT OF ISSUES BEFORE US. AND I SAID IF THERE IS SO MUCH
13 INSISTENCE THAT SUPERVISORS WANT TO DO THIS, THEN DIP INTO
14 YOUR OWN DISCRETIONARY AMOUNT.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'VE MADE IT CLEAR I'M WILLING TO DO THAT
17 IF--

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE WELCOME TO DO THAT. YOU CAN FUND
20 151 COLLEGE INTERNS FROM YOUR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES. AND IF IT DOESN'T PASS TODAY, MADAME
23 CHAIR, I'M PLANNING TO DO SO.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** I WILL PUT IN THE MOTION FOR YOU IF
2 YOU'D LIKE.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, NO. PERHAPS I SHOULD RETURN THE
5 FAVOR. [LAUGHTER.] MAKE NOTE OF THE MEMO MARCH 18 THAT DETAILS
6 THE EFFORT TO UTILIZE THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY
7 FAMILIES TRANSITIONAL SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS, BOTH.
8 AND I THINK THE EFFORT WAS MADE. I THINK IT OUGHT TO BE SAID,
9 ALSO, MADAME CHAIR, WE'VE CUT THIS PROGRAM IN HALF. NOT THAT
10 WE WERE HAPPY TO DO SO. THE \$250,000 IS HALF OF WHAT WAS THE
11 CASE LAST YEAR. AND I WOULD THINK THAT WE ARE RECOGNIZING
12 CURRENT ECONOMIC REALITIES, THE REAL ISSUE OF BUDGETARY
13 CURTAILMENTS, ET CETERA. BUT THE EXTENT TO WHICH, AS YOU
14 INDICATED, WE'VE COME BACK REPEATEDLY UNDERSCORES HOW
15 IMPORTANT WE BELIEVE THIS ITEM TO BE FOR THE WHOLE COUNTY.
16 TAKE NOTE OF THE MOTION, ITS REFERENCE TO HOW EACH DISTRICT IS
17 IMPACTED BY THIS PROGRAM, DISTRICTS 1 THROUGH 5. MADAME CHAIR,
18 I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD AND AGAIN I
19 WOULD SO MOVE.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WELL I REMIND THAT THE
22 C.E.O. FROM THE VERY BEGINNING HAS ALWAYS SAID NOT TO USE ANY
23 OF OUR N.C.C. FOR THESE PROGRAMS. WE HAVE OTHER PRIORITIES
24 THAT ARE THERE. WE HAVE WORKED HARD ON THIS AND I'M GOING TO
25 SAY IT AGAIN. THIS COMMISSION REALLY HAS TO WORK WITH US. JUST



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1 LIKE THE SHERIFF HAS DONE. I MUST APPLAUD THE SHERIFF THIS
2 YEAR. YOU KNOW, EVERY SINGLE WE ARE WE GO THROUGH BUDGETING
3 PROBLEMS AND HE DOES HIS WHOLE PARADE. BUT I DON'T THINK WHEN
4 YOU HAVE A DEPARTMENT OR A COMMISSION IN THIS INSTANCE THAT
5 DOESN'T WORK HAND-IN-HAND WITH US, AND REALLY, THEY DIDN'T
6 RAISE ANY MONEY OR MAKE ANY EFFORT. THEY DIDN'T MAKE ANY
7 EFFORT ON THE T.A.N.F. PROGRAM. THEY HAVE CONTINUED TO INSIST:
8 "GIVE ME THE MONEY." AND I'M REALLY DISAPPOINTED IN THEM
9 OVERALL. BUT I'M WARNING THEM NOW. I LOVE THESE INTERNSHIPS. I
10 THINK ART INTERNSHIPS ARE IMPORTANT. BUT RECOGNIZE AND
11 UNDERSTAND: YOU BETTER START RAISING SOME MONEY. YOU BETTER
12 START LOOKING AT SPONSORSHIPS FOR THESE INTERNS. IT ISN'T THE
13 STATUS QUO RIGHT NOW IN MANY AREAS. SO CONSEQUENTLY, JUST
14 DIPPING IN AND SAYING THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF SO MANY PEOPLE
15 THAT ARE GOING TO COME TO US THIS ROOM WILL BE FILLED WITH
16 PEOPLE. AND, AGAIN, WE'RE GOING TO BE ASKING OUR LABOR UNIONS
17 TO COOPERATE WITH US. WE'RE GOING TO BE ASKING ALL OF OUR
18 SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES TO COOPERATE WITH US, ALL OF OUR
19 DEPARTMENTS ARE ALREADY TAKING A 9 PERCENT CUT ACROSS THE
20 BOARD FROM A CUT THEY ALREADY TOOK LAST YEAR. AND I JUST THINK
21 THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT PROGRAMS LIKE THIS. THAT DOESN'T SAY
22 GO AWAY. BUT WE'RE TRYING TO REINVENT THEM IN A WAY THAT IS
23 STILL HELPFUL TO THE ARTS ORGANIZATIONS. AND CERTAINLY HELPFUL
24 TO A LOT OF PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY MOMS AND PARENTS THAT ARE
25 LOSING THEIR JOBS OUT THERE AND WOULD WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY



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1 FOR SUCH AN INTERNSHIP THAT MIGHT LEAD TO POTENTIALLY A JOB.
2 AND, AGAIN, I DON'T SAY THAT THERE ISN'T A COLLEGE INTERN OR
3 COLLEGE STUDENT THAT DOESN'T NEED A PAID INTERNSHIP. BUT I
4 THINK THERE ARE MANY COLLEGE STUDENTS TODAY THAT WOULD EVEN
5 JUST WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY FOR AN UNPAID ARTS INTERNSHIP AT
6 THIS POINT IN TIME. AND IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT WE ARE NOT
7 LISTENING. BUT, AGAIN, THOSE ARE YOUR CHOICES. BUT I'D BE
8 HAPPY TO RECOMMEND THOSE 151 INTERNS THAT YOU GET IN YOUR
9 DISTRICT COMPARED TO MY 88 COME OUT OF YOURS OUT OF MY
10 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS. BUT, ANYWAY, SUPERVISOR KNABE? OH I'M
11 SORRY.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** OBVIOUSLY LAST WEEK I ASKED FOR SOME SEMBLANCE OF
16 IN THE MOTION FOR SOME AT LEAST RECOGNITION OF A POTENTIAL
17 LOAN. I UNDERSTAND THE DIFFICULTY OF FUNDRAISING. BUT YET I
18 ALSO KNOW THAT THEY RAISED CLOSE TO \$2 MILLION A YEAR THAT
19 I'VE DISCOVERED IN THE ARTS FOR ALL PROGRAM FOR EDUCATIONAL
20 OUTREACH, WHICH IS A GREAT PROGRAM, AS WELL, TOO. SO I'M JUST
21 IN MY OWN MIND SAYING, WELL ISN'T THE INTERNSHIP AN
22 EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH? IF THEY CAN RAISE 2 MILLION, CAN'T THE
23 INTERNSHIP SOMEHOW BE PART OF THAT? WHATEVER IT MAY BE. EVERY
24 TIME I TURN AROUND, I FIND SOMETHING ELSE OUT AND I'M TRYING
25 TO BE SUPPORTIVE BECAUSE I LIKE THE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM, AS



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1 WELL, TOO. BUT, YOU KNOW, I MEAN YOU MAKE IT VERY DIFFICULT
2 TO-- IF YOU CAN RAISE \$2 MILLION, I'M BEING TOLD YOU CAN'T
3 RAISE ANY MONEY, THAT IT'S DIFFERENT THAN THE OPERA AND THEY
4 HAVE A BASE AND ALL THIS KIND OF STUFF. BUT YET I FIND OUT
5 THEY RAISED \$2 MILLION FOR ARTS FOR ALL. I MEAN INTERNSHIPS
6 ARE JUST AS EDUCATIONAL AS THE EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH. I MEAN
7 THAT'S THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE
8 ARTS, IN CREATING A DYNAMIC, IN CREATING-- NOT ONLY POTENTIAL
9 JOB OPPORTUNITIES, BUT POTENTIAL PROFESSIONALS DOWN THE ROAD.
10 I MEAN WHY CAN'T THAT POT BE USED? MAYBE SOMEBODY COULD
11 EXPLAIN THAT TO ME.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** DID YOU FIND OUT? IS IT SACRED OR
14 SOMETHING? WHAT DID THEY DO WITH THAT?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T KNOW.

17

18 **LAURA ZUCKER:** SUPERVISOR, THE GRANTS THAT WE GET FOR ARTS
19 EDUCATION ARE RESTRICTED FOR K-12 SEQUENTIAL ARTS EDUCATION.
20 AND THEY COME FROM THE FUNDERS' INTEREST IN THIS PARTICULAR
21 AREA. I DO WANT TO MENTION THAT WE HAVE BEEN GETTING A GRANT
22 FROM THE GETTY FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATIONAL
23 COMPONENTS OF THE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS,
24 AND ONE OF THE WAYS THAT WE'VE FORMULATED THE PROGRAM IN ORDER
25 TO MEET THE BUDGET CUTS WAS THAT THE ARTS ORGANIZATIONS



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1 THEMSELVES ARE BOTH FORGOING ANY ADMINISTRATIVE FEE, SO
2 CREATING AN IN-KIND SERVICE AND ACTUALLY, IN THE CASE OF
3 LARGER ORGANIZATIONS, PUTTING MONEY INTO THE POT AS MATCHING
4 GRANTS. I'M SORRY?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT DO YOU MEAN MATCHING GRANTS? WHY WOULD THEY
7 MATCH UP? I THOUGHT THAT'S NOT THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM.

8

9 **LAURA ZUCKER:** WELL, THE PROGRAM IS SO IMPORTANT TO THE LARGER
10 ARTS ORGANIZATIONS THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO MATCH THE GRANTS
11 BY EITHER 1,000 OR \$1,500. MOST OF THE GRANTS FOR THE
12 INTERNSHIPS ARE \$3,500 FOR 10 WEEKS. BUT IN THE CASE OF THE
13 LARGER BUDGET ORGANIZATIONS, THEY WOULD ONLY BE GETTING 2,000
14 OR 2,500 AND CREATING PART OF THE MATCH THEMSELVES FROM THEIR
15 OWN BUDGET. AND THOSE ARE ALL EXTERNAL FUNDS THAT HAVE BEEN
16 RAISED FOR THIS PROGRAM IF IT GOES FORWARD. AND THE TOTALS ON
17 THAT _____ ARE? IT EQUALS 112,000. THAT'S HOW WE'RE TRYING TO
18 MAKE UP THE GAP BETWEEN THE 250,000 THAT'S ON THE FLOOR AND
19 THE ORIGINAL BUDGET FOR THE PROGRAM, WHICH WAS 500. WITHOUT
20 CUTTING THE NUMBER OF INTERNS IN HALF. THE ORIGINAL NUMBER OF
21 INTERNS WAS 125 INTERNS FOR 500,000. BY HAVING THE MATCHES
22 FROM THE ORGANIZATIONS WE'RE ABLE TO MAINTAIN 75 INTERNSHIPS
23 WITH HALF THE MONEY.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US EARLIER THERE WAS MATCHING
2 GRANTS INSIDE THIS DEAL? EVERY TIME WE TALK ABOUT FUNDRAISING,
3 YOU SAY YOU CAN'T DO IT. EVERY TIME WE TALK ABOUT, YOU KNOW--
4

5 **LAURA ZUCKER:** I'M SORRY THIS INFORMATION DIDN'T REACH YOU. BUT
6 IT WAS SENT TO EACH OF YOUR OFFICES, AS WELL AS TO THE C.E.O.
7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?
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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, I'M GOING TO SUPPORT MR.
11 RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION AND I APPRECIATE THE WORK HE'S DONE ON
12 TRYING TO GET-- FIND A SOLUTION, INCLUDING HE AND I BOTH, THE
13 WILLINGNESS TO FUND IT OURSELVES IF WE HAD TO. BUT THIS IS A
14 COUNTY-WIDE PROGRAM. THE DEPARTMENT-- THIS DEPARTMENT HAS
15 TAKEN MORE THAN ITS PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE CUTS BOTH LAST
16 YEAR, THIS YEAR AND IN THE NEXT COMING YEAR. AND THIS ACTUALLY
17 REPRESENTS A 50 PERCENT-- I BELIEVE IT'S A 50 PERCENT CUT IN
18 WHAT THE BOARD HAS PUT UP FOR THE ARTS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM IN
19 THE FIRST PLACE, GOING BACK A YEAR OR TWO. AND WE ARE AT THIS
20 POINT-- THIS WHOLE ISSUE CAME UP LATE IN THE GAME. AND I WILL
21 TELL YOU, LAURA, I THINK YOU NEED, AFTER THIS SUMMER IS OVER,
22 YOU NEED TO FOCUS ON NOT JUST ON FUNDRAISING, BUT I THINK THE
23 T.A.N.F. PROGRAM IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO DO SOMETHING
24 DIFFERENT THAN YOU'VE DONE BEFORE AND UNIQUE AND ACTUALLY
25 MAYBE EVEN MAYBE MORE MEANINGFUL IN SOME RESPECTS THAN WHAT



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1 WE'VE DONE UP UNTIL NOW. IF YOU NEED HELP, MAYBE THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AND SOCIAL SERVICES CAN LEND YOU SOMEBODY
3 FOR A DAY, A WEEK, FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME WHERE YOU HAVE TO
4 START RECRUITING PEOPLE AND HELP YOU CONNECT WITH THE T.A.N.F.
5 COMMUNITY SO THAT YOU CAN UTILIZE THOSE FUNDS IN THE NEXT
6 YEAR. IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU COULD HAVE DONE NOW AT THE LAST
7 MINUTE, BUT IT'S SOMETHING I THINK YOU SHOULD DEFINITELY LOOK
8 AT-- NOT LOOK AT. YOU SHOULD DEFINITELY DO AS YOU PROCEED INTO
9 PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR BECAUSE IT'S MONEY THAT'S AVAILABLE. IT
10 DOESN'T COME OUT OF OUR GENERAL FUND. THE FOLKS WHO WOULD
11 QUALIFY FOR THAT UNDER T.A.N.F. ARE JUST AS TALENTED AS
12 ANYBODY ELSE. THEY JUST HAPPEN TO HAVE FAMILIES THAT HAVE
13 FALLEN ON HARD LUCK. AND I THINK IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO
14 SOMETHING THAT ACTUALLY MAY BE MORE MEANINGFUL. SO I WOULD
15 ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO THAT ONCE THIS THING IS RESOLVED.

16

17 **LAURA ZUCKER:** WE DO WANT TO CONTINUE TO AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE
18 THIS. THERE ARE 39 PLACEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE. WE HELD, IN
19 FACT, SEVERAL WORKSHOPS OVER THE COURSE OF THE FALL THAT WERE
20 ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 100 ARTS ORGANIZATIONS IN DIFFERENT
21 SITES AROUND THE COUNTY. WE ARE CONTINUING TO FOLLOW UP WITH
22 THEM. AND I THINK THE NEWS COMING DOWN FROM THE FEDERAL
23 GOVERNMENT THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE AN EXTENSION OF THIS
24 PROGRAM WILL CREATE A GREAT EMPHASIS FOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT



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1 MAY HAVE HUNG BACK BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT IT WAS EXPIRING IN
2 SEPTEMBER.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. I JUST THINK IF YOU NEED TO TAKE OUT
5 YOUR SHOE AND POINT IT IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND KICK SOME
6 PEOPLE WHERE THEY'LL GET THEIR ATTENTION TO GET THIS THING
7 GOING. AND IF YOU NEED HELP, LET US KNOW. BUT I THINK THIS IS--
8 - THESE ARE FUNDS THAT MATCH UP PERFECTLY WITH THIS INTERNSHIP
9 PROGRAM. IT'S EXACTLY THE KIND OF THING THAT-- ONE OF THE
10 THINGS THAT THESE FUNDS ARE AIMED TO HELP WITH.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ANYONE ELSE? PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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3 **SUP. KNABE:** ABSTAIN.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** NO, WITH ATTITUDE.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MOTION CARRIES.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** THAT ITEM IS OVER. WHAT ITEM DO WE HAVE
12 NEXT? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT CONCLUDES MY ITEMS. THANK YOU, MADAME
15 CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, I HAVE A FEW
18 ADJOURNING MOTIONS FIRST. VERY SAD TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
19 WAYNE COLLETT. WAYNE WAS A CLASSMATE OF MINE AT U.C.L.A., U.S.
20 OLYMPIC SILVER MEDALLIST IN THE 400 METERS IN 1972 OLYMPICS IN
21 MUNICH. PASSED AWAY AFTER A BATTLE WITH CANCER AT THE AGE OF
22 60. WAYNE STARTED OUT AS A STAR SPRINTER AT GARDENA HIGH
23 SCHOOL. HE WON THE CITY CHAMPIONSHIP ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS
24 IN A NUMBER OF EVENTS. DURING THE FALL SEMESTER WHEN TRACK AND
25 FIELD WAS NOT THE SPORT, WAYNE RAN CROSS COUNTRY. HE WAS,



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1 LET'S JUST SAY, NOT AS GREAT A CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER AS HE WAS
2 A SPRINTER. AND I ONCE RAN IN A RACE WITH HIM AGAINST HIM AND
3 ACTUALLY BEAT HIM. AND FOR THE LAST 40 YEARS OR MORE, I'VE
4 ALWAYS JOKED THAT I HAVE THE ONE CLAIM TO FAME IN MY LIFE IS I
5 BEAT WAYNE COLLETT IN A CROSS COUNTRY RACE. HE'S A REALLY
6 GREAT GUY. HE'S WONDERFUL HUMAN BEING. GOT HIS LAW DEGREE FROM
7 U.C.L.A., HIS M.B.A. DEGREE AS WELL AS HIS UNDERGRADUATE
8 DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE IN U.C.L.A. HE WAS INDUCTED IN
9 1992 TO THE U.C.L.A. ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME AND WAS A
10 SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN HERE IN LOS ANGELES AND SOUTHERN
11 CALIFORNIA. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE EMILY, TWO SONS, AARON
12 AND WAYNE II AND HIS MOTHER RUTH. I ASK THAT WE-- I ASK ALL
13 MEMBERS TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WAYNE COLLETT. MARK FERBER,
14 LONG TIME MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY, KNOWN TO THOUSANDS OF
15 CONCERT GOERS AS THE VOICE OF THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL, PASSED AWAY
16 AT THE AGE OF 60 AFTER SUFFERING A FALL. HE SERVED AS THE
17 BOWL'S PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR AND SPECIAL EVENTS MANAGER AND
18 WAS LEGENDARY FOR HIS ATTENTION TO DETAIL IN MAKING SURE THAT
19 THE BOWL'S PRODUCTIONS WENT WITHOUT A HITCH, PARTICULARLY IN
20 HIS EFFORT TO MINIMIZE AIRCRAFT OVERFLIGHTS DURING THE
21 CONCERTS. HIS LIFELONG LOVE AFFAIR WITH THE BOWL WHEN HE WOULD
22 BICYCLE TO THE BOWL TO DO HIS HOMEWORK IN THE PICNIC AREAS. HE
23 BECAME AN ERRAND RUNNER AT THE AGE OF 14, FOLLOWING HIS
24 GRADUATION IN THEATER ARTS FROM U.C.L.A. AND A BRIEF STINT AT
25 THE SEATTLE OPERA. HE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THE HOLLYWOOD



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1 BOWL THE REST OF HIS LIFE. HIS FIRST WIFE, ELAINE WELTON HILL,
2 PREDECEASED HIM. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SECOND WIFE SUZANNE
3 FRIEDLINE FERBER, AND HIS SON DANIEL. ALL MEMBERS. BRUCE
4 GLEASON, A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT, AND A PROMINENT
5 ATTORNEY IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
6 86. HE PRACTICED LAW FOR 42 YEARS IN THE VALLEY. HE WAS A PAST
7 PRESIDENT OF THE VALLEY BAR ASSOCIATION, Y.M.C.A. CHAPTER
8 FOUNDER AND A ONE-TIME CANDIDATE FOR STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL.
9 HE WAS ALSO A SOBER ALCOHOLIC FOR 55 YEARS AND WAS PROUD OF IT
10 AND A FORMER APPOINTEE TO THE COUNTY'S COMMISSION ON
11 ALCOHOLISM. HE IS SURVIVED BY THREE SONS, MICHAEL, ROCKY AND
12 KEITH, AS WELL AS FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. ALL MEMBERS. SID
13 FLEISCHMAN, RESIDENT OF SANTA MONICA AND PROLIFIC AUTHOR OF
14 ADULT SUSPENSE FICTION AS WELL AS SCREEN PLAYS AND AWARD
15 WINNING CHILDREN'S BOOKS, PASSED AWAY AT CANCER AT HIS SANTA
16 MONICA HOME AT THE AGE OF 90. BEST KNOWN FOR SUCH CHILDREN'S
17 CLASSICS AS "MR. MYSTERIOUS AND COMPANY" AND "BY THE GREAT
18 HORN SPOON," HE WAS PRAISED BY CRITICS AND TEACHERS FOR HIS
19 USE OF HISTORICAL ELEMENTS, EXCITING PLOTS AND ENGAGING
20 CHARACTERS. AFTER MORE THAN 30 CHILDREN'S BOOKS HE HAD WRITTEN
21 IN 1987 HE WON A NEWBERRY MEDAL FOR HIS NOVEL, "THE WHIPPING
22 BOY." HE ALSO ENJOYED THE RARE DISTINCTION OF HIS SON ALSO
23 BECOME A NEWBERRY MEDAL WINNER TWO YEARS LATER. HE WAS THE
24 FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY OF CHILDREN'S BOOK WRITERS AND
25 ILLUSTRATORS, AND MEMBER SINCE 1972 ON ITS BOARD OF ADVISORS,



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1 SINCE 1972 AS WELL. HIS WIFE BETTY PREDECEASED HIM IN 1993. HE
2 IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON PAUL, TWO DAUGHTERS, JANE FLEISCHMAN,
3 ANNE FLEISCHMAN MILLER, A SISTER ARLEEN KORNET AND FOUR
4 GRANDCHILDREN. NORMAN SCHUREMAN, A LONG TIME DESIGN TEACHER AT
5 THE ARTS CENTER COLLEGE OF DESIGN IN PASADENA WHO DIED
6 TRAGICALLY AT THE AGE OF 50, AS AN INNOCENT BYSTANDER IN A
7 VIOLENT ALTERCATION BETWEEN OTHERS AT A HOUSE PARTY THE OTHER
8 NIGHT. HE WAS ALSO A GRADUATE OF AN INSTITUTION WHERE HE
9 TAUGHT, AND WHERE HIS FATHER HAD TAUGHT BEFORE HIM. STUDENTS
10 CONSIDERED HIM A BELOVED INSTRUCTOR, COLLEAGUE, MENTOR AND
11 FRIEND AND HIS DEATH IS A GREAT LOSS TO THE CAMPUS AND THE
12 LARGER COMMUNITY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, FATI, AND
13 BROTHER RAY SCHURERMAN AND HIS MOTHER MARY SCHUREMAN.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE'S A RESIDENT OF ALTADENA.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO IT, THAT'S FINE. THOSE ARE MY MY
18 ADJOURNING MOTIONS, MADAME CHAIR. MADAME CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO
19 READ IN A MOTION NOW SO THAT WE CAN GET GOING IN CLOSED
20 SESSION WHEN WE'RE DONE WITH OUR OPEN SESSION AND IT REQUIRES
21 AN URGENCY FINDING SO I'M GOING TO READ THE MOTION THAT COUNTY
22 COUNSEL HAS PREPARED. SPECIFIC INFORMATION WHICH CAME TO THE
23 THIS BOARD'S ATTENTION SINCE THE POSTING OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL
24 AGENDA, RELATED TO THE RECENT CHILD DEATHS REQUIRES THE
25 BOARD'S IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION. THEREFORE I MOVE THAT WE



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1 CONSIDER THIS MATTER ON AN URGENCY BASIS AND CONVENE IN CLOSED
2 SESSION TODAY TO DISCUSS SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S UNDERSTOOD THAT'S AN
5 URGENCY MOTION.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO PASS ON IT. DO
10 WE NEED TO PASS ON IT?

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12 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** WE NEED FOUR VOTES.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US.
15 SECONDED BY MYSELF. AND WE HAVE FOUR MEMBERS HERE. IS THERE
16 ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED. I DON'T THINK YOU'RE
17 HOLDING ANY ITEMS.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, I'M DONE. THANKS.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOUR SPECIALS, SIR.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF ALL THAT WE
24 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GERALD LAURIN. LONG BEACH. PASSED AWAY AT
25 THE AGE OF 84. MOVED TO LONG BEACH BACK IN 1943. WAS IN THE



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1 U.S. NAVY, GRADUATED FROM LONG BEACH CITY, LOYOLA UNIVERSITY.
2 HE WORKED FOR ALLSTATE INSURANCE FOR MANY YEARS. HE LOVED GOLF
3 AND PLAYED IN SEVERAL SENIOR OLYMPICS AROUND THE UNITED
4 STATES. HE WAS A LIFELONG MEMBER OF THE LONG BEACH ELKS AND
5 SERVED AS GOLF CHAIRMAN FOR THEM AS WELL AS THE LAKEWOOD
6 SENIORS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 59 YEARS, ANITA, FOUR
7 CHILDREN, SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN AND THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.
8 ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FLORENTINA SARMIENTO, WHO PASSED
9 AWAY ON FEBRUARY 14TH AT THE AGE OF 87. BORN IN THE
10 PHILIPPINES, CAME TO AMERICA IN THE '80S. SHE IS SURVIVED BY
11 HER SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW JOEY AND LILY, MANY GRANDCHILDREN
12 AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, AS WELL AS TWO SISTERS. ALSO WE
13 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DIANE FRANCIS OF LONG BEACH. GRADUATED
14 FROM WILSON. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FATHER, ALAN, SISTERS
15 SUSAN, JILL AND WENDY. THREE DAUGHTERS, SHAUNA, JESSICA AND
16 CHRISTINA, THREE GRANDDAUGHTERS AND MANY MORE FAMILY AND MANY
17 FRIENDS. SHE WAS A VERY KIND AND VERY VALUED FRIEND AND FAMILY
18 MEMBERS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOHN COSTELLO, A
19 49-YEAR RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH WHO PASSED AWAY WITH HIS WIFE
20 AT HIS SIDE. HE WAS 73 YEARS OLD. BORN IN IDAHO, ATTENDED
21 UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO ON A FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP. WAS AN OFFICER
22 IN THE NAVY, LATER MOVED TO LONG BEACH WHERE HE RAISED HIS
23 FAMILY. HE WAS A C.P.A. AND A PARTNER IN ARTHUR YOUNG AND
24 COMPANY. HE ALSO DID FORENSIC ACCOUNTING WITH GURSEY,
25 SCHNEIDER AND COMPANY. HE SUPPORTED MANY ORGANIZATIONS



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1 INCLUDING THE LONG BEACH SYMPHONY, ST. ANTHONY HIGH SCHOOL,
2 AND THE NATIONAL JUDICIAL COLLEGE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
3 CINDY, THREE CHILDREN, JOHN JR., JANE, JIM, AND GRANDSON, AND
4 BROTHER BILL. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MR. JAMES CARLSON.
5 HE WAS A FAN OF ALL SPORTS, ESPECIALLY NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL.
6 HE'S VERY ACTIVE AT THE ST. CORNELIUS PARISH FOR OVER 50
7 YEARS. WAS A LIFETIME MEMBER OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. HE IS
8 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE PATRICIA, TWO CHILDREN BARBARA AND JOE,
9 FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, ONE GREAT GRANDSON AND A SISTER AND HER
10 CHILDREN. FINALLY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CHARLES CARLSON,
11 LONG TIME WHITTIER RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 12TH. HE
12 WAS BORN IN LONG BEACH, MARRIED TO GLADYS FOR OVER 57 YEARS.
13 WAS A GRADUATE OF S.C. AND SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY
14 DURING WORLD WAR II. HE WAS EMPLOYED AS AN INSPECTOR FOR THE
15 A.B.C., THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL TOBACCO AND FIREARMS, RETIRING
16 IN 1988. HE WAS A VERY ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE RIVIERA FIRST
17 BAPTIST CHURCH IN PICO RIVERA AND ENJOYED BEING WITH HIS
18 FAMILY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE GLADYS, THREE CHILDREN, SIX
19 GRANDCHILDREN AND THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY
20 ADJOURNMENTS.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO ORDERED.

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M GOING TO CALL UP ITEM NO. 18. THANK YOU. YEAH.



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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3 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. THIS IS-- IN ADDITION TO
4 ITEM 18, I HAVE A MOTION ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND SUPERVISOR
5 YAROSLAVSKY. "CURRENTLY THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER BILLS COUNTY
6 DEPARTMENTS FOR PROVIDING VARIOUS AUDIT SERVICES. EVEN DURING
7 THE GOOD ECONOMIC TIMES, IT IS A CHALLENGE FOR DEPARTMENTS TO
8 BUDGET FOR PLANNED RISK-BASED AUDITS. FACED WITH MAJOR
9 CUTBACKS AND POTENTIAL LAYOFFS, SOME DEPARTMENTS HAVE TRIED TO
10 ELIMINATE OR LIMIT RISK-BASED AUDITS IN KEY CONTROL AREAS SUCH
11 AS CASH, PROCUREMENT, PAYROLL, PERSONNEL BECAUSE THERE IS
12 SIMPLY NO ROOM IN THEIR BUDGETS TO PAY FOR THEM. AS A RESULT,
13 MANY AUDITS ARE CONDUCTED BASED ON A WILLINGNESS TO PAY RATHER
14 THAN RISK. INDUSTRY STANDARDS CALL FOR THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
15 TO TAKE A RISK BASE APPROACH TO EVALUATE ALL COUNTY CONTRACTS
16 AND CONTRACTING PRACTICES, WITH THE HIGHEST RISK AREAS BEING
17 GIVEN THE HIGHEST PRIORITY. A FISCALLY DRIVEN AUDIT PLAN
18 UNDERMINES THE GOAL OF ENSURING COUNTY ASSETS ARE PROTECTED
19 AND COUNTY POLICIES ARE ENFORCED. IN JUNE OF 2009 THE BOARD
20 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A MOTION BY ME, DIRECTING THE C.E.O. TO
21 DEVELOP A PLAN TO FUND AUDITS, INCLUDING FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS,
22 COMPLIANCE AND OTHER CONTRACT REVIEWS. IN RESPONSE, THE C.E.O.
23 ALLOCATED \$350,000 TO THE P.F.U. TO FUND BOARD REQUESTS
24 INDICATING IT WOULD CONTINUE TO EXPLORE OTHER POSSIBLE FUNDING
25 OPTIONS FOR AUDIT SERVICES. ALTHOUGH THIS IS A GOOD START,



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1 THIS AMOUNT WAS QUICKLY EXPENDED TO COVER BOARD-ORDERED
2 REVIEWS AND DOES NOT ADDRESS THE SYSTEMIC ISSUES WITH THE
3 CURRENT AUDIT FINANCING STRUCTURE. WE THEREFORE, SUPERVISOR
4 YAROSLAVSKY AND I, MOVE THAT THIS BOARD INSTRUCT THE C.E.O. TO
5 REPLACE THE CURRENT DEPARTMENT BILLING SYSTEM WITH A NEW
6 FINANCING STRUCTURE FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED AUDIT SERVICES FOR
7 INCLUSION AND FINAL CHANGES TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 BUDGET.
8 THE C.E.O. SHOULD CONSIDER REDIRECTING EXISTING NET COUNTY
9 COSTS FROM DEPARTMENTS BASED ON PRIOR AUDIT BILLING HISTORY
10 AND OTHER FACTORS IF APPROPRIATE. IN SUBVENED DEPARTMENTS,
11 SUCH AS DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES, HEALTH
12 AND PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES WHERE COSTS MAY BE RECOVERED, THE
13 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER SHOULD CONTINUE TO BILL THE DEPARTMENTS.
14 AND THEN WE FURTHER MOVE THAT THE C.E.O. WORK WITH THE
15 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO DEVELOP A POLICY TO FUND NON ROUTINE
16 BOARD PRIORITY AUDITS ON A PAY AS YOU GO BASIS."

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD I ADD A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT?

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20 **SUP. KNABE:** SURE.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT YOU HAVE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE COST OF
23 BOARD-ORDERED AUDITS.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, AND WHILE THAT IS A CONCERN, ON BOARD-
2 ORDERED AUDITS, WHICH WE DO VERY GRACEFULLY HERE, THE OTHER
3 ISSUE THAT CONCERNS TO ME IS WHERE THE DEPARTMENT HAS A
4 CHOICE. I MEAN, THERE'S PROBABLY NO BETTER EXAMPLE THAN
5 PROBATION IN THE POSSIBILITY OF JUST A DEPARTMENT SAYING, "WE
6 DON'T HAVE MONEY TO PAY FOR AUDITS SO YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO
7 IT, WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO IT." THAT'S NOT A GOOD ANSWER.
8 THAT'S VERY POOR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ON NOT ONLY THE
9 DEPARTMENT'S PART BUT THEN IT REFLECTS BACK ON US. SO THE REAL
10 PURPOSE BEHIND HERE-- AND I APPRECIATE EITHER ANNUAL OR
11 SEMIANNUAL REPORT ON BOARD-ORDERED AUDITS-- IS TO MAKE SURE
12 THAT WE WORK VERY HARD TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR AUDITS ARE RISK-
13 BASED AND NOT NECESSARILY TO PART FINANCE-BASED. SO WITH THAT,
14 I'LL MOVE IT. AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WILL SECOND IT. AND
15 WITH THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON ITEM 18, THOUGH.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** CORRECT.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE AN AMENDMENT FOR 18, AS WELL. AS WE
22 KNOW, AND WE'VE BEEN READING IN THE NEWSPAPERS ABOUT THE
23 IMPACT THE STATE \$20 BILLION DEFICIT HAS HAD ON EACH OF OUR
24 CITIES AND COUNTIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND WATER BOARDS WITHIN
25 THIS STATE, CURRENTLY SOME OF THESE BUDGET REDUCTIONS HAVE



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1 IMPACTED ALL OF OUR COUNTIES, SPECIFICALLY SAN FRANCISCO HAS
2 JUST SENT LAYOFF NOTICES TO 15,000 OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.
3 SACRAMENTO COUNTY IS WEIGHING 111 LAYOFFS. SOLANO COUNTY HAS
4 LAID OFF 144. SANTA BARBARA COUNTY HAS DELAYED A MAJOR
5 COMPUTER SYSTEM UPGRADE. SONOMA COUNTY HAS LAID OFF 87
6 EMPLOYEES. NEVADA COUNTY IS CONSIDERING OUTSOURCING OF LIBRARY
7 SERVICES TO KEEP THEIR LIBRARY OPEN. AND I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE
8 THAT TO PROPERLY ADDRESS THESE SHORT-TERM AND ONGOING BUDGET
9 SHORTFALLS THAT WE HAVE THESE COMMUNITIES THAT I'M TALKING
10 ABOUT, THESE CITIES AND COUNTIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS, MANY OF
11 THEM ARE BEING CONSIDERED OR IMPLEMENTING THE LAYOFFS,
12 FURLOUGHS, ELIMINATING SICK PAY BUY BACKS, SUSPENDING STEP
13 INCREASES, AMONG MANY OPTIONS. THE MAJOR PROBLEM, AS I SAID,
14 IS THE STATE'S \$20 BILLION PLUS DEFICIT. EACH OF OUR
15 COMMUNITY'S REDUCED PROPERTY TAX COLLECTIONS, REAL ESTATE
16 SALES, ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND REVENUE FROM THE STATE. SO I'D
17 LIKE TO HAVE THE C.E.O. REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD TO REVIEW ALL
18 VIABLE OPTIONS OF ONGOING ONE-TIME SAVINGS WITH A REPORT BACK
19 DURING THE BUDGET HEARINGS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
20 SECOND, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? WITHOUT
21 OBJECTIONS? MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
22 ORDERED. SUPERVISOR KNABE? OKAY. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE
23 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ED CARSON. ED WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND,
24 SUPPORTER, QUITE INVOLVED IN OUR COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION.
25 HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80. HE AND HIS WIFE, NADINE, WERE



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1 FROM ARIZONA NEAR AN AREA WHERE MY FATHER WAS BORN IN BISBEE,
2 ARIZONA. AND HE ROSE UP. AND HE ROSE UP IN THE BANKING
3 COMMUNITY WITH WELLS FARGO. HE WAS QUITE INVOLVED IN A NUMBER
4 OF OUR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, QUITE INVOLVED WITH THE AUTRY
5 MUSEUM. AND HE WAS A STRONG LEADER, AS I SAID, IN THE BANKING
6 COMMUNITY AND WELL-RESPECTED. HE PASSED AWAY MARCH 12TH. HIS
7 WIFE NADINE HAD PASSED AWAY APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO. ONE
8 OF OUR CHILDHOOD HEROES ALSO PASSED AWAY, ANOTHER GOOD FRIEND,
9 AND THAT WAS FESS PARKER WHO PASSED AWAY AT AGE 86. WORLD WAR
10 II VETERAN SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY. GRADUATED
11 UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AND ENROLLED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
12 CALIFORNIA WHERE HE WAS SEEKING HIS DEGREE IN THEATER HISTORY.
13 AND HIS ACTING PARTS LED HIM TO THE DISNEY STUDIOS AND "DAVY
14 CROCKETT" WHERE HE BECAME AN OVERNIGHT SENSATION. AND ALSO WAS
15 INVOLVED WITH SINGING THE SONG OF THE "BALLAD OF DAVY
16 CROCKETT." HE THEN BECAME A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN, REAL
17 ESTATE, BECAME A SANTA BARBARA AREA HOTEL DEVELOPER, LATER THE
18 FESS PARKER WINERY AND VINEYARDS AS A FAMILY AFFAIR. AND HE
19 LEAVES HIS WIFE OF NEARLY 50 YEARS, MARCELLA, AND THEIR SON
20 ELI AND DAUGHTER ASHLEY. JUDGE RICHARD DENNER, PASSED AWAY AT
21 THE AGE OF 69. HE SPENT 25 YEARS WITH FAMILY LAW CASES. HE WAS
22 APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN IN 1983 AND CONTINUED
23 TO SIT IN FAMILY LAW ASSIGNMENT UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 2006.
24 LATER BECAME A MEMBER OF THE ALTERNATE RESOLUTION CENTERS. AND
25 AS WE ALWAYS, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY ALREADY HAD NORMAM



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1 SCHUREMAN FROM ALTADENA WHO WAS TRAGICALLY MURDERED THIS PAST
2 WEEK. EDWARD REDD, WHO IS AN ADVOCATE FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN
3 THE SANTA CLARITA FAMILY. HE WAS THE SANTA CLARITA CITIES PARK
4 AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER. HE VOLUNTEERED FOR YOUTH-ORIENTED
5 ACTIVITIES. SUPPORTED MANY GROUPS, SUCH AS SINGLE MOTHERS
6 OUTREACH, BLUE RIBBON TASKFORCE, ACTION PARENTS AND TEEN
7 SUPPORT AND THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB. AND HE HAD DESIGNED THE
8 CITY'S FIRST YOUTH MASTERS PLAN WHICH OUTLINES HOW BEST TO
9 SERVE THE CHILDREN IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. MILDRED
10 ROUTOLO OF SANTA CLARITA, ACTIVE MEMBER IN HER CHURCH AND
11 ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY. PHILOMENA PACE OF LANCASTER, COMPUTER
12 OPERATOR, PROGRAMMER FOR LOCKHEED AND J.P.L. AND WORKED ON THE
13 RANGER MOON SHOTS. SHE HAD ALSO PREVIOUSLY WORKED FOR THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES FROM 1971 TO 1989. FLAVIL
15 VIRGE MARTIN OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. SHE WAS AN ELEMENTARY
16 SCHOOL TEACHER IN THE WESTSIDE DISTRICT AND MEMBER OF THE
17 CHURCH OF CHRIST WHERE SHE WAS A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER IN
18 ANTELOPE VALLEY. KENNETH LINDEMANN, RETIRED DEPUTY SHERIFF.
19 HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS AT THE LENNOX STATION. DONALD
20 LEAVENWORTH, RETIRED DEPUTY SHERIFF. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS
21 THE LAKEWOOD STATION. AND RUPERT "JACK" DUVAL OF THE ANTELOPE
22 VALLEY. HE WAS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY ELKS
23 LODGE AND HIS CAREER WAS WITH THE MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING
24 MANAGER ON THE SUCCESSFUL B2 PROGRAM FOR NORTHROP CORP. AND
25 CHIEKO MIYAKAWA OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PASSED AWAY AT THE



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1 AGE OF 94. SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, THOMAS, EDWARD AND
2 STANLEY, FIVE BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND GENEVIEVE MARY WORD, A
3 LONG TIME RESIDENT OF ANTELOPE VALLEY, REGISTERED NURSE AT THE
4 QUEEN OF ANGELS HOSPITAL WHERE SHE HAD WORKED BEFORE SHE
5 RETIRED. AND GARY ALLAN HUTH OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. HE WORKED
6 AS A CROSSING GUARD FOR 52 YEARS WITH THE PALMDALE SCHOOL
7 DISTRICT. SO SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
8 SO ORDERED.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE A MOTION FOR NEXT WEEK, AND THAT WOULD
13 MOVE THAT THE BOARD DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE C.E.O. TO ENTER
14 INTO THE REMAINING PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED S.P.A. WITH L.A.
15 E.D.C. FOR THE \$312,500 FOR THEIR TERM THAT BEGINS ON OR AFTER
16 MARCH 24TH. THAT'S FOR NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA. AND THE BOARD HAS
17 RECEIVED, I KNOW, A COUPLE OF EMAILS FROM EMPLOYEES, MR.
18 FUJIOKA, RELATIVE TO THE NEW PAYROLL SYSTEM. AND IF YOU KNOW--
19 IF YOU LOOKED AT YOUR CURRENT LACERA MAILINGS WHERE THEY TALK
20 ABOUT THE IMPACT OF A NEW COUNTY PAYROLL SYSTEM WILL HAVE ON
21 SERVICE CREDIT, HOW IT WILL AFFECT RETIREMENT CREDIT EARNED,
22 AND IT'S GOING TO CHANGE YOUR ABILITY TO RETIRE UNDER THE FACT
23 THAT THERE WILL BE TWO PAYROLL PERIODS PER MONTH, AND MOST
24 PAYROLL PRODUCTIONS WILL BE PROCESSED EACH PAYROLL PERIOD. AND
25 THAT CREDIT WILL BE EARNED BY PAYROLL PERIOD RATHER THAN FULL



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1 MONTHS. AND IN THE COUNTY SAVINGS PLAN NEWSLETTER THAT JUST
2 CAME OUT, IT TALKED ABOUT HOW THE DEFERRAL PERCENTAGE CHANGES
3 ARE AFFECTING EACH OF THE EMPLOYEES. AND IN THE EMAIL THAT WAS
4 SENT TO THE SUPERVISORS ON MARCH 18TH, IT'S THE FACT THAT
5 BIMONTHLY-- AND I'M QUOTING FROM MR. PATTERSON, "THAT THE
6 ADDITIONAL BIMONTHLY PAY PERIODS IN THE CURRENT TAX YEAR WILL
7 HAVE AN ADVERSE FINANCIAL IMPACT ON COUNTY EMPLOYEES." AND HE
8 STATES THAT IN HIS CALCULATIONS, THAT THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES
9 WILL INCUR AN ESTIMATED \$600 TO \$700 INCREASE IN THEIR 2010
10 TAX LIABILITY AND THIS COULD REDUCE IN AGRICULTURE AGGREGATE
11 INCOME TO THE EMPLOYEES OF \$60 MILLION IN 2010. THE FACT THAT
12 THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH INVOLVEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OR WITH THE
13 BOARD, THE FACT THAT THE TAX ISSUE IS BURIED AT THE BOTTOM OF
14 THE BROCHURE, WHICH WAS ON THE MARCH 15TH PAYCHECK REPRESENTS
15 WITH MINIMAL DETAILS ON THE FINANCIAL IMPACT TO EMPLOYEES AS
16 AN EXAMPLE OF THE DEFICIENT DISCLOSURE PROCESS, AND ALSO
17 ALLUDING THAT FURTHER RISKS COULD RESULT IN A COUNTY CLASS
18 ACTION LAWSUIT BY THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR THE REPRESENTATIVE
19 BARGAINING UNITS. AND HE'S TALKING ABOUT HAVING THE AUDITOR-
20 CONTROLLER WORK WITH I.R.S. TO RECEIVE AN INCOME EXCLUSION
21 BECAUSE OF THE INCREASE IN TAXES AS A RESULT OF THAT CHANGE.
22 AND THE QUESTION THAT I HAVE, I KNOW THEY WILL SAY SOMETHING
23 WAS BURIED BACK A COUPLE YEARS AGO IN SOME BOARD LETTER WHICH
24 WAS NOT GIVEN FULL DISCUSSION AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE
25 PROBLEM THAT I HAVE IS THAT THIS CHANGES THE ORDINANCE, ITEM



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1 13, TO IMPLEMENT THIS NEW PAYROLL SYSTEM. AND THIS HAS BEEN
2 DEVELOPED WITH LITTLE INPUT FROM OUR BOARD OFFICES AS THE FACT
3 MANY OF US WERE NOTIFIED AFTER THE FACT THAT EMPLOYEES WOULD
4 GO TO A TWO-TIMES A MONTH INSTEAD OF A A MONTH SALARY AND
5 GIVING IT REALLY LIMITED OPPORTUNITY FOR INPUT. NOW THE CHANGE
6 IS GOING TO REARRANGE A TAX LIABILITY OF THE EMPLOYEES. THE
7 MEMO RECEIVED YESTERDAY EXPLAINED THAT EMPLOYEES WILL PAY
8 INCOME TAX LIABILITY SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. AND SO THE
9 IMPACT SURROUNDING SERVICE CREDIT FOR LACERA, HOW WILL THAT
10 IMPACT THE SERVICE CREDIT FOR LACERA? LET ME ASK THAT
11 QUESTION.

12
13 **ROBERT DAVIS:** SUPERVISOR, ROBERT DAVIS WITH THE AUDITOR-
14 CONTROLLER. WE CHECKED WITH LACERA, AND THERE IS NO IMPACT TO
15 THE PENSION PLANS OR RETIREMENT PLANS FOR EMPLOYEES.

16
17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU'RE SAYING THE LETTER THAT THEY STATED
18 IN THEIR NEWSLETTER THAT WAS JUST RECEIVED WHERE IT SAYS "WHEN
19 CAN I MAKE DEFERRAL PERCENTAGE CHANGES?" IT SAYS, "YOU WILL BE
20 ABLE TO CONTINUE TO MAKE DEFERRAL PERCENTAGE CHANGES BUT THE
21 NEW H.R. SYSTEM, DEFERRAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE WILL BE APPLIED TO
22 ANY EARNINGS YOU MAKE DURING THE SUBSEQUENT PAY PERIOD.

23
24 **SPEAKER:** WERE REGARD TO THE LACERA QUESTION, WE WANT TO
25 CLARIFY THAT THE SERVICE CREDIT NOW, INSTEAD OF BEING GRANTED



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1 ON A MONTHLY BASIS, WILL BE GRANTED ON A SEMI-MONTHLY BASIS.
2 BUT EXCEPT FOR THAT, THERE WON'T BE ANY SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE IN
3 RETIREMENT BENEFITS, NO INCREASE IN LIABILITY FOR THE
4 RETIREMENT BENEFITS ON THE PART OF THE COUNTY.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO DOES IT CHANGE THEIR RETIREMENT
7 COMPENSATION?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** NO. ONLY IN-- THE IMPACT IS IF AN INDIVIDUAL NOW
10 WORKS A FRACTION OF A MONTH, SAY LESS THAN HALF A MONTH,
11 THEY'RE NOW GOING TO RECEIVE-- AND THEN RETIRES-- THEY'RE
12 GOING TO RECEIVE SERVICE CREDIT FOR THAT HALF A MONTH INSTEAD
13 OF THE ENTIRE MONTH, WHICH IS THE CASE NOW. BECAUSE EVERYTHING
14 IS BROKEN DOWN INTO 24 INCREMENTS EVERY YEAR INSTEAD OF 12.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IT DOES IMPACT THOSE INDIVIDUALS?

17

18 **SPEAKER:** YES, IT DOES. THERE IS NO INCREASE IN LIABILITY.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S THE POINT, I'M SAYING IT IMPACTS THOSE
21 INDIVIDUALS.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. AND THE IMPACT TO THE ADDITIONAL INCOME
2 TAXES THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR THE 2010 YEAR
3 THAT THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES WILL HAVE TO PAY SOME AS HIGH AS
4 1500, OTHERS AVERAGE BETWEEN 600 AND \$700 ADDITION.

5

6 **ROBERT DAVIS:** SUPERVISOR, IN THE EMAIL IN THE WAY IT'S
7 DESCRIBED, THERE IS-- WHAT YOU'RE REPORTING IS WHAT YOUR TAX
8 LIABILITY BUT ALSO WHAT THE WITHHOLDING IS ON THAT AND WHAT
9 THE COMMUNICATIONS DO NOT ARTICULATE IN THAT IS THAT THERE IS
10 ALSO ADDITIONAL WITHHOLDING IS THERE. SO THE LIABILITY TO AN
11 INDIVIDUAL IS THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE A COMPOSITE RATE THAT
12 YOU'RE TAXED AT. BUT THEN WHEN YOU ADD A DOLLAR, IT'S AT
13 WHATEVER TAX BRACKET YOU'RE IN. SO THE LIABILITY-- AND THERE
14 IS AN ADDITIONAL TAX--

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING THERE IS A LIABILITY.
17 THERE IS ADDITIONAL COST. THAT COST IS GOING TO VARY BETWEEN
18 EMPLOYEES. BUT, AGAIN, THIS IS AN ADDITIONAL COST. AND MANY
19 ARE CONCERNED THAT THERE WAS NOT FULL DISCLOSURE AND
20 DISCUSSION AT THE BOARD LEVEL WHERE WE WOULD HAVE A SET ITEM
21 TO SAY WE'RE GOING TO NOW CHANGE FROM A ONCE-A-MONTH TO A
22 TWICE-A-MONTH SYSTEM BECAUSE WE NOW WANT TO GET A NEW
23 COMPUTER. WE DIDN'T HAVE THAT TYPE OF THOROUGH DISCUSSION IS
24 WHAT--

25



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1 **ROBERT DAVIS:** SUPERVISOR, THERE'S AN ADDITIONAL COST IN THE--
2 WITH YOUR 2010 W2. BUT THERE'S NOT AN ADDITIONAL COST TO THE
3 EMPLOYEE OVER THEIR CAREER WITH THE COUNTY BECAUSE THAT
4 LIABILITY, THAT TAX LIABILITY EXISTS FOR THAT EMPLOYEE. IT
5 WOULD JUST BE PAID WHEN THEY LEFT COUNTY SERVICE AS OPPOSED--

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IT'S STILL AN ADDITIONAL COST TO THE
8 EMPLOYEE.

9

10 **ROBERT DAVIS:** NOT OVER WHAT THEIR TAX LIABILITY IS. IT'S A
11 QUESTION OF TIMING. IT'S A QUESTION WHEN THEY WOULD PAY THAT
12 LIABILITY, NOT THAT THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL LIABILITY.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU STILL HAVE TO PAY AN ADDITIONAL COST.

15

16 **ROBERT DAVIS:**NO. YOU WOULD PAY THAT TAX AT SOME TIME. WHAT
17 WE'RE DOING IS--

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT FOR 2010 YEAR, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO
20 PAY IT SOONER THAN LATER.

21

22 **ROBERT DAVIS:**YES.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THAT'S AN ADDITIONAL COST SOONER.

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1 **ROBERT DAVIS:** IT'S A PAYMENT SOONER.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. AGAIN, THAT IS WHY
4 THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN A GREATER DISCUSSION, A SET ITEM WHY WE
5 WANT TO DO THIS, IF WE WANT TO DO IT. INSTEAD OF HAVING IT
6 BURIED IN SOME TYPE OF REPORT THAT WAS NEVER SEEN, BASICALLY,
7 THAT WENT THROUGH. AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A MULTI-MILLION
8 DOLLAR NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM. AND IT WILL COST MORE BECAUSE YOU
9 ARE HAVING TO PAY PEOPLE TWICE INSTEAD OF ONCE. AND I KNOW
10 ONLY A PORTION OF THE EMPLOYEES ARE PAID ONCE A MONTH. BUT WE
11 STILL HAVE THOSE EMPLOYEES YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY MORE
12 BECAUSE NOW YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY THEM TWICE A MONTH.

13

14 **WENDY WATANABE:** SUPERVISOR, WENDY WATANABE THE AUDITOR-
15 CONTROLLER. WITH REGARD TO THE FULL DISCLOSURE AND
16 COMMUNICATION, WE HAVE, EVER SINCE PROBABLY 2007, WE HAVE DONE
17 MANY COMMUNICATIONS WITH EMPLOYEE GROUPS AND UNION
18 REPRESENTATIVES. NOW, WHEN IT COMES TO THE 12-1/2 MONTHS, THE
19 EXTRA PAY PERIOD ISSUE, WE DISCLOSED THAT IN AS EARLY AS
20 JANUARY 15TH AND THEN AGAIN ON MARCH 15TH. NOW, WE DIDN'T WANT
21 TO DO IT TOO SOON, WHICH WAS WE DISCOVERED THE ISSUE BACK IN
22 SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR. BUT WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
23 EMPLOYEE WILL GET THE INFORMATION IN TIME AND FOR THEM TO
24 REALIZE THE TAX CONSEQUENCES. SO THAT'S WHY ON JANUARY 15TH WE
25 HAVE ISSUED A PACKET OF SEVEN DIFFERENT ISSUES. IT'S CALLED



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1 THE ISSUE FLYERS THAT WE COMMUNICATED WITH THE EMPLOYEES
2 COUNTY-WIDE, 200,000 EMPLOYEES.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW THAT. BUT THIS IS A DRAMATIC CHANGE
5 AND INCREASE IN COSTS THAT REQUIRED, LET'S SAY, GREATER PUBLIC
6 INPUT, GREATER COUNTY INPUT WITH A SET ITEM SO EMPLOYEES WOULD
7 KNOW THAT THIS ISSUE WAS BEING CONSIDERED. AND IT DIDN'T HAVE
8 THAT TYPE OF INPUT, PUBLIC EXPOSURE, PUBLIC INFORMATION AT
9 THIS LEVEL. THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN A SET ITEM. THIS IS A MAJOR
10 SHIFT, A MAJOR CHANGE. AND THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. MY CONCERN-
11 - I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE POSTPONE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
12 THE NEW PAYROLL SYSTEM AND DEVELOP A NEW IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
13 THAT WOULD NOT RESULT IN AN ADVERSE FINANCIAL IMPACT TO COUNTY
14 EMPLOYEES.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** MICHAEL, I DON'T KNOW THAT THAT'S
17 POSSIBLE AT THIS POINT IN TIME. IS IT? YOU CAN'T DO IT NOW? IT
18 WOULD CREATE A DISRUPTION TO EVERYBODY GETTING THEIR CHECK. I
19 MEAN, I APPRECIATE YOUR INPUT. I JUST THINK-- AGAIN, YOU CAN
20 MOVE IT. I WON'T DENY YOU THAT. BUT I'M JUST TRYING TO SAY
21 THAT IF WE WERE TO DO THAT, WE WOULD CREATE A DISRUPTION IN
22 ALL PAYROLL SYSTEMS, AS I UNDERSTAND.

23

24 **WENDY WATANABE:** CORRECT.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** IT IS AN UNFORTUNATE SITUATION WHICH IS
2 AN OUTCOME OF THE SOFTWARE PRODUCT THAT WILL BE CORRECTED AT
3 THE END OF THE YEAR, I GUESS. ONCE WE MAKE THIS CORRECTION, IT
4 WILL SELF-CORRECT FROM THIS POINT ON. BUT IT'S BECAUSE OF A
5 TRANSITION FROM ONE TO THE OTHER AND IT'S ONE OF THE FALLOUTS
6 OF THE SITUATION. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU HAD SOMETHING
7 TO ADD? OKAY. IS THERE A SECOND TO THE MOTION? ALL RIGHT.
8 SORRY. ANYTHING ELSE?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** QUESTION ON THE ITEM. I MEAN FIRST OF ALL, THE NET
11 COUNTY COST OF \$300,000, THAT CERTAINLY WASN'T PART OF THE
12 BUDGET WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT THIS. AND IN MY ISSUE IS HOW WE
13 JUSTIFY THE ALLOCATION TO GREAT WEST IN REGARD TO THIS. IT
14 HAPPENS TO BE AN AMOUNT THAT WE COULD ALMOST USE ON OUR
15 INTERNSHIPS.

16

17 **ELLEN SANDT:** SUPERVISOR, ELLEN SANDT, WITH THE C.E.O.'S
18 OFFICE. WE DO HAVE A CONTRACT WITH GREAT WEST FOR ABOUT 3-1/2
19 MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR FOR THE SERVICES THAT THEY PROVIDE,
20 BUT THIS WORK THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS ABOVE AND BEYOND.
21 IT'S WORK THAT'S IN ADDITION TO WHAT THEY ARE UNDER CONTRACT
22 FOR. THEY HAVE TO DO THINGS, LIKE THEY ARE DOING THE OUTREACH
23 TO MORE THAN 20,000 EMPLOYEES TO NOTIFY THEM ABOUT THE FACT
24 THAT ALL THOSE EMPLOYEES THAT HAVE LOANS AGAINST THEIR
25 DEFERRED COMPENSATION ACCOUNTS NEED TO MAKE AN AFFIRMATIVE



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1 SELECTION OF WHETHER THEY WANT TO PAY THEIR LOANS EITHER SEMI-
2 MONTHLY OR MONTHLY. SO THEY'RE DOING THAT OUTREACH EFFORT.
3 THEY'RE STAFFING A CALL CENTER TO TAKE THE PHONE CALLS THAT
4 HAVE STARTED COMING IN. AND THEY'LL BE DEALING WITH ALL THE
5 WRITTEN FORMS THAT COME BACK WITH THE EMPLOYEES' ELECTION.
6 THEY'RE ALSO HAVING TO GO THROUGH AND MODIFY THEIR COMPUTER
7 SYSTEM BECAUSE IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE WAY THE GREAT
8 WEST COMPUTER SYSTEM IS SET UP FOR EACH ONE OF THEIR CLIENTS,
9 AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS A CLIENT, THAT EVERYONE WHO
10 TAKES LOANS IS-- THEY WERE SET UP SO EVERYONE WHO TAKES LOANS
11 HAS ONE PAYMENT SCHEDULE. IN THIS CASE WE HAVE MONTHLY. AND SO
12 THE COUNTY WANTS TO MAKE IT SO THAT THE EMPLOYEES CAN CHOOSE
13 MONTHLY OR SEMI-MONTHLY BECAUSE THE SITUATION THAT LED UP TO
14 WHERE WE'RE AT TODAY WITH THE OLD PAYROLL SYSTEM. SO THEY
15 ACTUALLY HAVE TO GO IN AND CHANGE THE PROGRAMMING ON THEIR
16 COMPUTER SYSTEM BECAUSE OF THIS CHANGE.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** SO WE TAKE CARE OF GREAT WESTERN'S COSTS BUT THE
19 EMPLOYEE'S IMPACT, WE--

20

21 **ELLEN SANDT:** WELL, I THINK THE EMPLOYEE IMPACT IS ONE OF
22 TIMING. THEY WOULD OWE THE MONEY TO THE I.R.S.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** GREAT WEST IS ONE TIME.

25



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1 **ELLEN SANDT:** GREAT WEST WOULD NOT HAVE TO DO THIS EXCEPT FOR
2 US COMING TO THEM AND SAYING WE'RE CHANGING OUR PAYROLL
3 SYSTEM.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THE EMPLOYEE WOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY THE
6 ADDITIONAL TAXES IF WE--

7

8 **ELLEN SANDT:** THEY WOULD AT THE END OF THEIR COUNTY CAREER,
9 THEY WOULD HAVE TO PAY THE ADDITIONAL TAXES. THAT'S WHEN IT
10 CATCHES UP TO THEM.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ANYTHING ELSE? ALL RIGHT. BUT I THINK
13 THERE IS A LESSON HERE THAT I THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN
14 WORTHWHILE FOR YOU TO HAVE INFORMED US MUCH EARLIER IN THE
15 PROCESS OF ONE OF THESE OUTCOMES. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. ON
16 THAT ITEM, THAT IS ITEM 13, IS THAT CORRECT?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM 18?

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IT'S ITEM 13 AND RELATED TO ITEM 15.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S ITEM 13 RELATED. SO ON
23 BOTH OF THOSE ITEMS, ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.
24 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION--

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M GOING TO VOTE NO, THOUGH.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WOULD LIKE TO
4 BE RECORDED AS A NO VOTE ON THOSE ITEMS. OTHERWISE, IT IS SO
5 ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. AND YOUR OTHER MOTION, SUPERVISOR?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, AS WE KNOW MARCH 21ST, THE HOUSE PASSED
8 H.R. 3590 IN THE SENATE HEALTHCARE BILL REFORM AND THEN PASSED
9 4872 THE RECONCILIATION BILL, WHICH CHANGES A NUMBER OF THE
10 STATE OR U.S. SENATE BILLS REVENUE MANDATORY SPENDING
11 PROVISIONS, INCLUDING THOSE AFFECTING MEDICAID. TO DATE THE
12 PUBLIC AND THE BOARD HAVE ONLY RECEIVED SNAPSHOTS OF THIS
13 COMPLICATED LEGISLATION AS YET TO BE FINALIZED. GIVEN THAT THE
14 MAJOR HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE EXPANSIONS INCLUDES MEDICAID
15 AS WELL AS OTHER MAJOR PROVISIONS, IT'S CRITICAL THAT THE
16 BOARD AND THE PUBLIC UNDERSTAND THE DETAILS OF THAT
17 LEGISLATION AND THE IMPACT ON THE COUNTY'S PUBLICLY OPERATED
18 PROGRAM. SO I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND
19 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF THE
20 FINALIZED HEALTHCARE REFORM LEGISLATION RELATIVE TO THE COST,
21 FUNDING, ASSESSMENT OF HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGES, TAXES,
22 PENALTIES, ELIGIBILITY, HEALTHCARE INSURANCE SUBSIDIES AND
23 SCOPE OF SERVICES, STRUCTURES THAT WOULD BE PUT IN PLACE WITH
24 A PHASE-IN IN EACH ELEMENT AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN 30



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1 DAYS. AND I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S 30 DAYS AFTER THE BILLS ARE
2 SIGNED AND THEN THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO MAKE THOSE?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** YOU MEAN THE BILL THAT WAS SIGNED TODAY
5 OR THE SENATE--

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I GUESS THE ONE THAT WAS SIGNED TODAY AND
8 THEN IF THEY DO THE SENATE ONE, IT SHOULD BE 30 DAYS FROM THAT
9 ONE, AS WELL.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** 30 DAYS FROM WHEN THEY SIGN THAT. ALL
12 RIGHT, SO SINCE THIS IS A REPORT BACK, I THINK WE CAN MOVE ON
13 THIS ITEM. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY MYSELF.
14 AND IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THIS ITEM.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE LAST ONE, I WOULD LIKE TO, IF WE
17 COULD MOVE TO DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO REPORT BACK ON
18 PLACING ALL DISCRETIONARY EXPENDITURES ON THE EXECUTIVE
19 OFFICER'S WEBSITE FOR PUBLIC ACCESS. WHILE ALL TRANSACTIONS
20 ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW, THIS WOULD PROVIDE MORE
21 TRANSPARENCY.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, SO AGAIN THIS IS JUST AN
24 ACTION. I DON'T KNOW IF IT REQUIRES--

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** REPORT BACK, EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

2

3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** JUST A REPORT.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** REPORT BACK. VERY GOOD, THANK YOU. IF
6 THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO REPORT BACK.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ITEM 8? CAN WE DO THAT?
9 OR DID WE ALREADY DO THAT?

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE ITEMS LEFT ARE ITEM NO. 12 AND S-1.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WANT TO CALL UP THOSE ITEMS?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 12 I THINK WE HAVE DR. CLAVREUL
20 AND MR. SACHS.

21

22 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:**GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

23 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM NO. 12, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO
24 INDICATION OF THE COST. AND I THINK THAT'S A LITTLE BIZARRE TO
25 BRING AN ITEM TALKING ABOUT CONTRACT AND ALSO-- AND DOING



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1 APPROVAL WHEN WE DON'T HAVE ANY OUTCOME-- IDEA OF THE
2 FINANCIAL OUTCOME. IT WOULD BE NICE IF WE HAD THAT. HOW CAN
3 YOU APPROVE AN ITEM WHO IMPLY COSTS WITHOUT THE COSTS
4 INDICATED?

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** WE NEED THE PROPER INDICATORS. HOW DO
7 YOU KNOW THEY'RE NOT THERE?

8

9 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. S-1?

12

13 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** S-1, JUST THE SAME EVERY YEAR, YOU
14 KNOW THE BUDGET IS NEVER, NEVER ON TIME. AND WE POSTPONE FROM
15 ONE TIME TO ANOTHER. I THINK THAT'S PART OF OUR PROBLEM. I
16 KNOW SOME OF THE INFORMATION IS NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE, BUT YOU
17 CAN MAKE CORRECTIONS AND REVISION. BUT AT LEAST IT WOULD BE
18 NICE TO HAVE A WORKING BUDGET IN FRONT OF US. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MR. SACHS, ITEM 12?

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN, ARNOLD
23 SACHS. FROM READING THIS, IT JUST SEEMS TO ME THAT THE COMPANY
24 THAT'S DOING THE REVIEW ON THEIR OWN SYSTEM? THAT THE AUDITOR--
25 - THAT'S GOING TO BE ACCEPTED BY THE AUDITOR AND AS THE COUNTY



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1 IS-- I CAN'T IMAGINE IT, BUT THAT'S HOW I READ THIS IN THE
2 ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA, THAT THE COMPANY IS GOING TO REVIEW ITS
3 OWN SYSTEM AND SUBMIT THAT REPORT FOR THE AUDITOR TO LOOK AT.
4 I WONDER HOW THAT REPORT'S GOING TO TURN OUT? AND WHAT, JUST
5 TO-- YEAH, BUT THEY'RE ALSO WRITING A REPORT. THE COMPANY'S
6 WRITING A REPORT THE ON THEIR OWN REPAIRS. BUT WHAT'S-- TO
7 PIGGYBACK ON THE LAST ITEM THAT YOU HAD REGARDING THE PAYROLL--
8 - WHAT'S CONTRACTED FOR IN THIS SITUATION? WHAT EXACTLY WILL
9 THE COUNTY GET FOR ITS MONEY? I MEAN SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,
10 WHEN HE BROUGHT UP THE FACT THAT THE OUTREACH THAT'S GOING TO
11 HAVE TO BE DONE, WOULD THAT NOT BE CONTRACTED IN IN THE FORMAL
12 NEGOTIATIONS THAT STARTED WHEN YOU DECIDED TO CHANGE THE
13 PAYROLL SYSTEM? SO HERE IN THIS SYSTEM, WHAT IS CONTRACTED
14 OUT? WHAT IS THE COUNTY GOING TO GET? WHAT HAPPENS IN SIX
15 MONTHS WHEN SOMEBODY COMES DOWN THE LINE THAT SAYS "WELL WE
16 HAD TO DO OUTREACH" AND YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY?" WHERE IS
17 THAT \$300,000 GOING TO COME FROM? MR. SACHS, DON'T GO TOO FAR
18 BECAUSE NEXT IS PUBLIC COMMENTS. SO HAVE A SEAT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE STATEMENT ON THE DISCRETIONARY
21 EXPENDITURES, THOSE WOULD BE FOR THE SOCIAL PROGRAMS
22 AGREEMENTS.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SOCIAL PROGRAMS AGREEMENTS ONLY. THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ON THE ITEMS, THOSE TWO
2 ITEMS. S-1 IS CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS, I UNDERSTAND. AND THE
3 OTHER ITEM WAS ITEM 12? AND ITEM 12 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
4 SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY MYSELF. IF THERE IS NO
5 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THOSE ITEMS. THAT COMPLETES ALL OF
6 THE ITEMS THAT WERE BEFORE THIS BOARD. WE NEXT HAVE PUBLIC
7 COMMENTS. AND OF COURSE WE HAVE ARNOLD SACHS, SUSAN BURTON AND
8 OSCAR JOHNSON, IF THEY WOULD JOIN US.

9

10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN, ARNOLD SACHS.
11 THIS THURSDAY AGAIN THE L.A. COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSIT
12 AUTHORITY WILL BE MEETING AT THE TOWER OF BABEL, WHICH IS
13 DOWNTOWN L.A. AND ONE OF THE ITEMS THAT I WAS GOING TO ASK A
14 QUESTION ABOUT BUT I'M GOING TO UNWRAP HERE INVOLVES MEASURE R
15 PROJECT DELIVERY COMMITTEE, WHICH IS ITEM NO. 10 ON YOUR
16 AGENDA FOR THE METRO BOARD TO LOOK AT. AND IN THIS ITEM, IT'S
17 FUNDING AND MASTER COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT TERM, TERM SHEET FOR
18 THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE GOLD LINE FOOTHILL
19 EXTENSION. AND IN THIS LITERATURE, IT STATES THAT THIS
20 AGREEMENT WITH THE PASADENA METRO BLUE LINE FOOTHILL EXTENSION
21 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE GOLD LINE FROM
22 THE CURRENT TERMINUS AT SIERRA MADRE VILLA IN PASADENA TO
23 AZUSA. SO MY QUESTION IS: WHY WOULD THE PASADENA METRO BLUE
24 LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY HAVE ANY INTEREST IN BUILDING A
25 GOLD LINE? WOULDN'T THE PASADENA METRO BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION



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1 AUTHORITY BE MORE INTERESTED IN BUILDING A BLUE LINE? WHY NOT,
2 IF THERE'S NO ANSWER TO THAT, WHY NOT INCLUDE THE GREEN LINE?
3 BECAUSE THAT'S A DIFFERENT COLOR, TOO. I'M SURE THAT IF YOU
4 LOOK AT THE HISTORY OF THE M.T.A., THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SOME
5 SCHEMATIC DIAGRAMS DRAWN UP THAT WOULD HAVE SHOWN A BLUE LINE
6 THAT EXTENDS FROM LONG BEACH THROUGH DOWNTOWN L.A. THROUGH
7 UNION STATION ALL THE WAY TO PASADENA. WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT
8 ROUTE? ALSO IN THAT SCHEMATIC DESIGN MIGHT BE A DIAGRAM THAT
9 SHOWS THE RED LINE THAT WILL EVENTUALLY GET TO SANTA MONICA
10 BUT THAT WOULD HAVE EXTENDED EAST INTO EAST L.A. WHAT HAPPENED
11 TO THAT LINE? WELL, IT GOT CUT UP AND IT GOT DISSECTED, AND WE
12 HAVE THE GOLD LINE INSTEAD OF THE BLUE LINE, AND THE DOWNTOWN
13 CONNECTOR INSTEAD OF THE BLUE LINE. AND WE HAVE EXPENSES AND
14 WE HAVE MONEY GUSHING OUT THE DOOR WHILE ROME BURNS. PLEASE,
15 ASK. THIS IS THE SENATE BILL 1847 THAT WAS PASSED IN 1998. THE
16 BILL WOULD ESTABLISH THE PASADENA METRO BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION
17 AUTHORITY. IT DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING ESTABLISHING ABOUT THE
18 FOOTHILL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. IT DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT
19 THE GOLD LINE. WHO MADE THOSE CHANGES? I CAN HARDLY WAIT FOR
20 THE APPOINTEE WHO IS GOING TO BE OVERSEEING THE MEASURE R
21 FUNDING THAT'S BEEN PUT OFF FOR TWO WEEKS, TO JUDGE HOW HE
22 WOULD INTERPRET THE RULES FROM THE SENATE AND THE RULES FROM
23 THE M.T.A.? WHICH ONE SUPERSEDES THE OTHER? AS ALWAYS, THANK
24 YOU FOR YOUR TIME, ANSWERS AND ATTENTION.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SIR. MR. JOHNSON, IS
2 MISS BURTON NOT HERE? MR. JOHNSON?

3

4 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** YEAH, MY NAME'S OSCAR JOHNSON. I SPEAK FOR
5 OPPRESSED, I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR AND I SPEAK FOR
6 CULTURE CHANGE. I'D LIKE TO THANK GOD FOR PRESIDENT BARACK
7 OBAMA. I'D LIKE TO THANK GOD FOR HIS WIFE MISS MICHELLE OBAMA.
8 BUT I SEEM TO BE A CARRIER OF GOOD NEWS. I DON'T KONW WHY HE
9 SENT ME THOUGH, BUT MY GRADUATION CLASS THAT I FINISHED IN
10 HIGH SCHOOL IN SELMA, ALABAMA, WE HAVE BEEN INVITED TO THE
11 WHITE HOUSE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS INVITED US
12 TO THE WHITE HOUSE TO SPEAK TO HIM ABOUT THE CIVIL RIGHTS ERA
13 IN SELMA, ALABAMA. THANK GOD FOR THAT. BUT, ANYWAY, WE NEED TO
14 CHANGE-- WE NEED TO END CORRUPTION IN GOVERNMENT, END
15 GOVERNMENT WASTE, END CONSTRUCTION FRAUD, END ECONOMIC RACISM.
16 WE NEED TO BRING FAMILIES TOGETHER IN THIS COUNTRY. THE NATION
17 CANNOT ONLY BE AS STRONG AS THEIR FAMILIES. OUR FAMILIES IS
18 DESTROYED. WE NEED TO CHANGE FROM IMMORAL GOVERNMENT TO A
19 MORAL GOVERNMENT. WE NEED MORALITY. WE NEED RESPECT,
20 RESPONSIBILITY, WE NEED REASON. WE AS HUMANS, WE SHOULD BE
21 PRODUCTIVE. ANIMALS BE FREE. BUT BE FREE FOR WHAT? FREE
22 WITHOUT RESPONSIBILITY IS NO FREEDOM. THE ANIMAL IS FREE TO
23 MATE. THE HUMAN BEING SHOULD EXCEL HIGHER THAN THE ANIMAL. WE
24 SHOULD BE PRODUCTIVE. WE HAD SHOULD END ECONOMIC RACISM. WE
25 SHOULD END EXCESSIVE FORCE THROUGH LAW ENFORCEMENT. I SEEN



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1 SATURDAY THAT THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, TWO HISPANIC
2 POLICEMEN SHOT AN UNARMED BLACK MAN IN THE HEAD DOWN ON
3 VERMONT AVENUE. BUT THERE IS NO CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR ACTIONS.
4 BUT MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA SHOULD TAKE MORE LEADERSHIP, AND SEE
5 THE LOS SPECIAL-- CONDUCT A LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
6 SINCE MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA IS THE LEADER OF THE LOS ANGELES
7 CITY. BUT IT SEEM AS THOUGH THE MAYOR IS ONLY INTERESTED MORE
8 RAILS, THOUGH. WELL, YOU NEED LESS RAILS AND BETTER BUS
9 SERVICE. WE NEED A JUST GOVERNMENT. WE NEED A FAIR GOVERNMENT.
10 WE SHOULD STRUGGLE FOR TOMORROW. WE NEED MEET MORAL
11 OBLIGATIONS. WE NEED TO MEET MORAL CHALLENGES. WE NEED TO MEET
12 MORAL RESPONSIBILITY. WE NEED TO HAVE A CRIMINAL COURT FOR ALL
13 THIS DEADLY FORCE THROUGH LAW ENFORCEMENT THROUGH THE LOS
14 ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE NEED TO
15 SEPARATE CHURCH FROM STATE. WE HAVE TOO MUCH POLITICIANS IN
16 RELIGION TODAY. WE HAVE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INSIDE THE HOUSE
17 OF WORSHIP DESTROYING THE HOUSE OF WORSHIP. DOES NOT HELP,
18 DOES NOT WORSHIP. THAT'S FALSE WORSHIP. BUT AMERICA NEEDS, WE
19 NEED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION. IT IS TIME FOR AMERICA TO HAVE
20 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, BRING IN MORALITY. TOO MANY CHILDREN ARE
21 BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK. WE HAVE TOO HAVE NEGLECT OF MORAL
22 RESPONSIBILITY. WE HAVE TOO MUCH UNFIT AUTHORITY IN THESE LAST
23 DAYS. WE NEED TO PRESS FORTH A BETTER GOVERNMENT. WE NEED TO
24 SUPPORT PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA AND ANY ELECTED OFFICIAL DO NOT



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1 SUPPORT PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, HE SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM
2 OFFICE IMMEDIATELY. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR. AGAIN, MISS BURTON IS
5 NOT HERE. THEN IF NOT, THEN WE ARE ADJOURNED? OH, I'M SORRY.
6 OR AT LEAST WE CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PUBLIC HEARING, YEAH. IS MR. FUJIOKA?

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** MR. FUJIOKA?

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK HE'S IN THE BACK. IF WE COULD GET
13 HIM OUT HERE FOR A SECOND? LAST WEEK, I HAD ASKED YOUR OFFICE
14 AND THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO REPORT ON THE IMPACT
15 OF THE PROPOSED LOS ANGELES CITY DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER
16 RATE INCREASES THAT WERE MADE PUBLIC LAST WEEK AND WERE
17 APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF WATER POWER COMMISSIONERS AND YOU'VE
18 GIVEN US THAT REPORT. AND IN A NUTSHELL, ACCORDING TO YOUR
19 REPORT, THE COUNTY CAN SEE A COST INCREASE OF \$700,000 DURING
20 THE REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR, WHICH ONLY HAS THREE MONTHS TO GO,
21 AND AN AN ADDITIONAL \$8.9 MILLION DURING FISCAL YEAR 2010 AND
22 '11 RESULTING IN A TOTAL ANNUALIZED COST INCREASE OF \$9.6
23 MILLION.

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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ABSOLUTELY. WE ISSUED THAT REPORT. AND ALSO ON
2 A PERCENTAGE BASIS, IT SPEAKS TO A 21.7 PERCENT INCREASE FOR
3 OUR ELECTRICAL COSTS. THIS INCREASE IS GOING TO HAVE A HUGE
4 IMPACT ON NOT ONLY US BUT EVERY OTHER GOVERNMENT OR MUNICIPAL
5 AGENCY IN L.A. COUNTY, ESPECIALLY AT A TIME RIGHT NOW WHEN ALL
6 OF US ARE TRYING TO DEAL WITH SIGNIFICANT REVENUE DROPS
7 OURSELVES. WE WANT TO GO ON RECORD WITH YOUR APPROVAL WITH THE
8 COUNCIL STRONGLY OPPOSING THIS INCREASE. IN ADDITION TO IT
9 IMPACTING US, IT HAS AN EQUALLY, I THINK, VERY SERIOUS IMPACT
10 ON THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. CITY AND THOSE THAT LIVE IN OUR
11 COUNTY.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SO YOU'RE ASKING FOR US TO AUTHORIZE
14 YOU TO--

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16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** TO OPPOSE THIS.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING WHETHER TO
19 TAKE JURISDICTION OF THIS ITEM IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO, RIGHT?

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21 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THERE IS-- I WAS TOLD THEY MAY CONSIDER IT
22 TODAY. WE'RE TRYING TO TRACK IT RIGHT NOW BECAUSE THE COUNCIL,
23 OBVIOUSLY IN THE MAYOR'S CONFERENCE, IS TRYING TO FAST- TRACK
24 THIS THROUGH THEIR PROCESS. BUT WE STILL WANT TO GO ON RECORD
25 OPPOSING THIS BECAUSE OF THE IMPACT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO I WILL MAKE A MOTION THAT THIS
3 INFORMATION CAME TO OUR ATTENTION AFTER THE POSTING OF THE
4 AGENDA. IT'S AN URGENCY MATTER. BECAUSE WE WERE NOT AWARE OF
5 SCHEDULING OF THE COUNCIL ISSUES. SO I WOULD MAKE THAT MOTION.
6 AND THEN I WOULD MAKE A SUBSEQUENT MOTION THAT THE C.E.O.'S
7 OFFICE BE DIRECTED TO EXPRESS ITS OPPOSITION TO THIS PROPOSAL.

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9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SECOND BY MYSELF. IS THERE
12 ANY QUESTION OR COMMENT? IF NOT, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM. ALL
13 RIGHT. NOW THAT DOES COMPLETE OUR AGENDA FOR THE DAY. I WILL
14 ASK THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED
15 SESSION.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
18 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
19 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. 1, C.S.-1,
20 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION,
21 ITEMS NO. C.S.-2 AND C.S.-3 CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
22 REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE EACH.
23 ITEM NO. C.S.-4 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATE
24 FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN
25 RESOURCES. AND ITEM NO. C.S.-5 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR



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1 NEGOTIATOR WILLIAM T FUJIOKA, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND
2 DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. IN
3 ADDITION, THE BOARD MADE AN URGENCY FINDING TO DISCUSS ITEM
4 NO. C.S.-6, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, REGARDING
5 SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, PURSUANT TO
6 GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 THANK YOU.

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